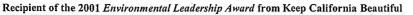


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TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) ORDER NO. R4-2007-0028: NEW SANTA PAULA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (File No. 06-189 CI-9259)

We have completed our review of the hydrogeologic modeling submitted in response to the requirements of Provision H.13, related to the capacity of the percolation ponds contained in WDRs Order No. R4-2007-0028.

Pursuant to the California Water Code, a tentative Order Amendment has been prepared for consideration by the Board to limit discharge to the percolation ponds, which require periodic drying to retain subsurface waste treatment capacity, to ensure continued development and use of the recycled water system with additional disposal capacity, and to prevent spills associated with peak storm flow discharge events. It is proposed that the WDRs should be amended to specify an annual average limit of 2.6 million gallons per day (mgd), to be evaluated monthly, for discharge to the percolation ponds.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on May 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Board office by 10 a.m. on April 19, 2010, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional

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Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Order.

Please contact Ms. Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 620 2264 or me at (213) 620 6156 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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