

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region





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Mr. John R. Mundy, General Manager Las Virgenes Municipal Water District 4232 Las Virgenes Road Calabasas, CA 91302

Dear Mr. Mundy:

REVISED TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER - LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, TAPIA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0056014, CI # 4760)

This letter is to inform you, as well as other interested agencies and persons, that the previously noticed tentative Cease and Desist Order dated July 7, 2010 has been revised per written and oral comments received from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD). On July 8, 2010, Regional Board staff released for public review and comment revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2010-XXXX and a tentative Cease and Desist Order (CDO) that covered the constituents total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and dichlorobromomethane (DCBM) for the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia WRF). Since the cause of Tapia WRF's inability to meet the final effluent limits for TTHM and DCBM, as well as the solution to achieve compliance with these final effluent limits, are the same, Regional Board staff addressed both constituents under a single enforcement order, namely the tentative CDO.

In response to the tentative CDO, LVMWD during a meeting with Regional Board staff on July 28, 2010, requested that the tentative CDO be divided into a Time Schedule Order (TSO) for TTHM and a CDO for DCBM. Since the final effluent limit for TTHM is a new effluent limit, Regional Board staff believes it is reasonable to include the interim effluent limit and compliance schedule for TTHM in a TSO instead of a CDO. Accordingly, at LVMWD's request, Regional Board staff has revised the tentative CDO by removing the interim limit and compliance schedule for TTHM from the CDO. The interim limit and compliance schedule for TTHM is now in a separate tentative TSO. Please be advised that while the format of the requirements have changed, the substantive portions of the requirements are the same. Both the revised tentative CDO and tentative TSO are enclosed.

In light of these changes, we are sending the revised tentative CDO and tentative TSO for additional public review and comments. However, comments are limited only to the revised tentative CDO and tentative TSO. Comments related to tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R4-2010-XXX will not be accepted. In order to be evaluated by Regional Board staff and included in the Regional Board's agenda package, written comments regarding the new changes must be received at the Regional Board office by 12:00pm on August 23, 2010. Comments received after this deadline will not be accepted.

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Comments previously submitted during a prior notice period should not be submitted again since Regional Board staff has already reviewed them.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board will hold a public hearing on **September 2, 2010**, at 9:00 a.m., at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, to consider the tentative WDRs, CDO, and TSO. The Regional Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the tentative orders. It is expected that the Regional Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Regional Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Cathy Chang at (213) 576-6760 or the undersigned at (213) 576-6756.

Sincerely,

 Rebecca E. Christmann, Unit Lead Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

**Enclosures:** 

- 1) Cease and Desist Order No. R4-2010-YYYY
- 2) Time Schedule Order No. R4-2010-ZZZZ

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