



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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June 14, 2007

Mr. Dan Pfeifer
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Dear Mr. Pfeifer:

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO), CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, VENTURA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (NPDES NO. CA0053651, CI NO. 1822) - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference is made to our letter dated April 26, 2007 which transmitted tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Time Schedule Order (TSO) to discharge tertiary treated wastewater to the Santa Clara River Estuary.

During the public comment period (which was extended from May 30, 2007 to the close of business on June 6, 2007), the Regional Board received written comments on the importance of maintaining federally endangered Tidewater Goby habitat in the Estuary. It was suggested that, under the current conditions in the Santa Clara River Watershed, the City's wastewater discharge to the Estuary provides conditions that are beneficial to the Tidewater Goby population. As this issue is critical to the renewal of the City's NPDES permit, we are providing an additional public comment period for this one narrow issue only. Written comments solely concerning the impacts (positive or negative) of the City's discharge on the endangered Tidewater Goby must be received by the Regional Board by close of business on **July 11, 2007**. Comments received after this date will not be accepted. The deadline for written comments related to other portions of the tentative permit and TSO was June 6, 2007, and further written comments in that regard will not be accepted. However, the Regional Board will hear any oral comments related to any aspect of the tentative permit and TSO during the scheduled public hearing on this matter.

In light of this additional comment period, we are postponing the Regional Board hearing on this matter to a future Board meeting. In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board will conduct a public hearing on **August 9, 2007**. The Regional Board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Simi Valley Council Chambers, located at 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California. The Regional Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge, the tentative permit, and tentative TSO. Oral statements will be heard, but, for accuracy of the record, all testimony should be submitted in writing. It is expected that the Board will take action at the

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hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

All pertinent documents in the record, as well as written comments already received, can be viewed at the Regional Board's web address at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/tentative_order/Individual/Ventura/Ventura.html.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 576-6720 or Don Tsai at (213) 576-6665.

Sincerely,



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