



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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September 5, 2007

Mr. Dan Pfeifer  
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Dear Mr. Pfeifer:

**POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING FOR TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER – CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, VENTURA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (NPDES NO. CA0053651, CI NO. 1822)**

Reference is made to our letter dated July 27, 2007, which transmitted the public hearing date of October 4, 2007 for the Regional Board to concern the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Time Schedule Order (TSO) for discharge of tertiary treated wastewater to the Santa Clara River Estuary (Estuary). However, due to the following reasons, the October 4, 2007 public hearing for this Facility has been postponed.

During the two public comment periods (the first one, which was extended from May 30, 2007 to the close of business on June 6, 2007; and the second one, which was closed on the business of July 11, 2007), the Regional Board received written comments, which have been posted on our website, on the importance of whether the discharge enhances the Estuary and maintains the habitat of the federally endangered Tidewater Goby and Steelhead. As this issue is critical to the renewal of the City's NPDES permit, Regional Board staff need to evaluate the technical merit of each one. Therefore, Regional Board staff are convening a group of experts to discuss endangered species aspects of the permit, which will take additional time.

The matter is tentatively scheduled for a public hearing to be held on **December 6, 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 WDR and NPDES 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 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/tentative_order/Individual/Ventura/Ventura.html).

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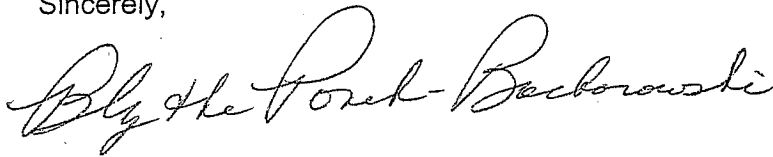
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 576-6720 or Don Tsai at (213) 576-6665.

Sincerely,



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