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REVISED 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)

Dear Mr. Pfeifer:

Reference is made to our letter dated November 8, 2007 which transmitted revised 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.

The following major revisions, based upon testimony received at the December 6, 2007 Workshop, are made to the tentative Order and TSO dated November 8, 2007:

1. Finding No. A in Section II of the Order has been revised. All statements relating to the incremental decrease of discharge by 1 million gallons per day (MGD) per year and increasing the recycled water program has been deleted from Finding No. A and the entire Order. In order to ensure compliance with the Bays and Estuaries Policy and to detect any negative impacts from the Facility's flows to the Estuary, the Discharger is required to submit a Work Plan to conduct a watershed-wide study within six months of the effective date of this Order. These changes have also been incorporated into the accompanying Fact Sheet;
2. Some revisions to the facility description have been made to the 3rd paragraph of Finding No. B in Section II of the Order. These changes have also been incorporated into the accompanying Fact Sheet;
3. The discharge from the Facility may not exceed its current annual average volume of 9 MGD. This prohibition shall be in effect pending the results of the watershed-wide study specified in section VI.C.2.a.ii. of the order. The change has also been incorporated into the accompanying Fact Sheet;
4. A Reopener Provision in Section VI.C.1.k of the Order has been revised as "This Order may be reopened upon the completion and in consideration of the watershed-wide study specified in section VI.C.2.a.ii. of this order.";
5. The Findings of the Reclamation Market Survey and Estuary Water Balance have been removed from Section VI.C.2.a.i of this Order;

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6. An additional statement has been added to Footnote 8 of the Monitoring and Reporting Program. This states "The City can temporarily use the existing chlorine sensor, located at Chlorine Contact Chamber, to monitor the total residual chlorine (TRC). By December 31, 2009, the chlorine sensor must be installed and function properly at the Effluent Transfer Station. Prior to the completion of the chlorine sensor installed at the Effluent Transfer Station, a daily grab sample of TRC shall be collected at the Effluent Transfer Station and analyzed for the purpose of reconfirming the TRC results analyzed at the Chlorine Contact Chamber, or see footnote 9.c.";
7. Sediment monitoring, including Local Benthic Trends Survey, Sediment/Chemical Monitoring, and Sediment Toxicity, has been added in Monitoring and Reporting Program;
8. The Focused Watershed-Wide Study of the Estuary associated with the Discharger's Work Plan has been added to the Monitoring and Reporting Program;
9. Typographic errors have been corrected in Table 12 of Fact Sheet; and,
10. All tentative Order and TSO Nos. have been changed as Order No. R4-2008-XXXX and Order No. R4-2008-YYYY, respectively.

Attached please find the following:

1. The revised Order; and,
2. The revised TSO

While we welcome written comments regarding this revised tentative Order, we ask that you refrain from submitting duplicative comments to those which have previously been submitted on the tentative permits dated April 27, 2007, October 23, 2007 and November 8, 2007. Written comments will only be accepted on the revisions with shaded areas (bright green) that were made to the tentative Order and TSO. Comments must be received at the Regional Board office by the close of business on February 7, 2008, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. 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 Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in a delay of the Board's consideration of the tentative Order.

The revised Order and TSO dated January 7, 2008 can also be viewed at the Regional Board's web address at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/tentative_order/Individual/Ventura/Ventura.html.


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City of San Buenaventura

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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.

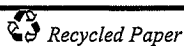
Sincerely,



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