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Dear Mr. Trejo:

**COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, RIO HONDO WATER SUPPLY WELLS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITIES OF COMMERCE AND MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI-8717)**

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Up to 4.30 million gallons per day of groundwater will be discharged during well redevelopment and an aquifer pumping tests. It will be necessary to discharge at this rate during the pumping tests so as to properly redevelop the well. These high flow, short-term discharges will last up to one week.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2003-0108, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Potable Water Supply Wells to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8717. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. Since the groundwater analytical data provided exceeds the screening criteria, effluent limitations in Section E.1. and E.2. of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into Rio Hondo (between Whittier Narrows Flood Control and Santa Ana Freeway). Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment B.7.f of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8717 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the

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appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously or download a copy of the Order from our website at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general\\_permits.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/permits/general_permits.html).

If you have any questions, please contact Vilma Correa at (213) 576-6794.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson  
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994005, Order No. R4-2003-0108  
Fact Sheet  
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8717

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Division of Ecological Services  
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Michael Lauffer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5  
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Branch  
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division  
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services  
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation  
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