



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
CLAIM NO. 7001 0360 0000 3649 4498

Dear Mr. Alameddine:

**COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—ROUTE 5/14 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE CONNECTOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, WEST SYLMAR OVERHEAD AT SAN FERNADO ROAD, SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994004, CI-9369)**

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). You propose to discharge up to 0.82 million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater during construction dewatering at the above-referenced project site.

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. R4-2008-0032, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater From Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on June 5, 2008.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your General NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2008-0032 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9369. The discharge limitations in Part V.1.a. and c. of Order No. R4-2008-0032 for the specific constituents listed on the Table with the enclosed Fact Sheet are applicable to your discharge. The dewatering will take place immediately adjacent to the Los Angeles Aqueduct Creek. Your discharge has been determined to satisfy the provisions for creekside dewatering, therefore the discharge limitations in Attachment B.7.c. of Order No. R4-2008-0032 are not applicable to your discharge, except for nitrogen. The Los Angeles Aqueduct Creek drains into Bull Creek, thence to the Los Angeles River between Sepulveda Flood Control Basin and Figueroa Street. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

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.

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California Department of Transportation  
(Route 5/14 HOV Connector Construction Project)

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CI-9369 and NPDES No. CAG994004", which will assure that the reports are directed to the 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 request for termination of your enrollment under the general permit in a separate letter, when your project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed. Beware that the annual fee covers the fiscal year billing period beginning July 1 and ending June 30, the following year. You will pay full annual fee if your request for termination is made after the beginning of new fiscal year beginning July 1.

We are sending Board Order No. R4-2008-0032 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.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/general\\_permits.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/permits/general_permits.html).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. James Tang at (213) 576-6696.

Sincerely,



Tracy J. Egoscue  
Executive Officer

Enclosures

Fact Sheet  
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-9369  
Order No. R4-2008-0032, General NPDES Permit No. CAG994004

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Clean Water Act Standards and  
Permits Office (WTR-5)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Philip Isorena, State Water Resource Control Board, NPDES Unit  
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Environmental Program Division  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works  
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