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Subject:

Amended Complaint No. R9-2007-0014 for Administrative Civil Liability

Violation of Order No. 2001-96 (NPDES CAG919002)

Responding to: CAU:14-1414.02:rstewart

Dear Mr. McCann:

This letter formally responds to your October 2, 2008, Amended Complaint No. R9-2007-0014 recommending mandatory minimum penalties of \$135,000 for alleged violations of effluent limitations established by Order No. 2001-96, NPDES No CAG9-19002, that were associated with groundwater discharge from the San Vicente Pipeline construction to a dry ephemeral streambed at Slaughterhouse Canyon.

The Water Authority will not contest assessment of the mandatory minimum penalties and confirms our desire and intent to fund a \$75,000 Supplemental Environmental Project proposed by the San Diego River Conservancy (attached) with a portion of the penalty. We further agree to submit the balance of the penalties, totaling \$60,000, to the State Water Resources Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. We request that this matter be calendared on the next available Regional Board meeting agenda.

We understand that payment of these funds will fully satisfy Water Authority liability in this matter. Please contact me (858-522-6741) or Larry Purcell (858-522-6752) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ken Weinberg

Director of Water Resources

Attachment

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