

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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In reply refer to:
389499: tkirkendall

Subject: Review of Monitoring Reports for Ralph W. Chapman Water Recycling Facility

Mr. Watton:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the February-December 2012 monthly monitoring reports; the January-March 2012, April-June 2012, and July-September 2012 quarterly monitoring reports; and the 2012 annual monitoring report. These reports were submitted by the Otay Municipal Water District (District) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. R9-2007-0038.

The following violations of Section B.3 (Discharge Specifications) were identified in the submitted reports:

- 1. Section B.3 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. R9-2007-0038 specifies that the 12-month average effluent concentration of total nitrogen shall not exceed 9.4 milligrams per liter (mg/L). This value was exceeded on the following occasions:

Table with 2 columns: Violation Date, 12-Month Average (mg/L). Rows include June 2012 (17.7), July 2012 (17.2), August 2012 (15.9), September 2012 (15.5), October 2012 (14.9), November 2012 (13.3), December 2012 (11.1), and January 2013 (9.5).

The San Diego Water Board acknowledges that the District has initiated a capital improvement project, which includes a denitrification treatment process to help reduce effluent total nitrogen concentrations. The District reported that the effluent

concentrations are expected to be in compliance with the 12-month average total nitrogen discharge specification by April 2013.

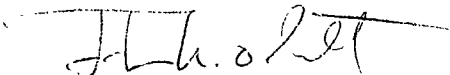
- 2. The effluent Methyl Blue Active Substance (MBAS) concentration was reported as 0.76 mg/L on June 13, 2012, which exceeded the daily maximum discharge specification of 0.7 mg/L.

Please take steps to implement follow-up actions necessary to ensure that the violation noted above does not occur in the future. These violations subject the District to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board including administrative enforcement orders requiring the District to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring reports required to be submitted are the February 2013 monthly monitoring report, due by April 1, 2013.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference **389499**: tkirkendall. Please contact Mr. Tyler Kirkendall at 858-627-3935, or at tkirkendall@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.