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Dear Mr. Chichester:

COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGES INTO SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

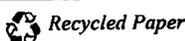
Thank you for your application package dated February 12, 2007, requesting an exception from the California Ocean Plan (Ocean Plan) waste discharge prohibition for your discharges into San Clemente Island (SCI) Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). This letter is to inform you that we have deemed your application complete.

One of SCI's discharges under consideration for an Ocean Plan exception is the treated sanitary wastewater outfall, with increased flow and an outfall extension, at Wilson Cove. The treated sanitary wastewater outfall modifications will be considered as an amendment to the existing exception for that outfall. If an amended exception is granted by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for SCI's sanitary wastewater outfall, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) may then reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for that discharge.

SCI's permitted storm water runoff and nonpoint source discharges are also under consideration for an Ocean Plan exception. The information you provided on storm water runoff and nonpoint source discharges supports the State Water Board's consideration of an exception to the Ocean Plan for these discharges which will be included in the General Exception.

The proposed terms and conditions of the General Exception were released for public review and comment on June 14, 2006, referred to as "Special Protections," to address storm water and nonpoint source discharges into ASBS statewide. Staff is currently preparing an Initial Study for the General Exception and is anticipating having a new draft version released for public review and comment in Spring 2008. The State Water Board would consider these Special Protections for adoption under the exception provisions of the 2005 Ocean Plan. The proposed conditions in the Special Protections

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would limit waste discharges to protect beneficial uses, including marine aquatic life and maintenance of natural water quality within ASBS.

Staff will likely propose that the exception require minimizing or eliminating dry weather flows and reducing pollutants draining to ASBS, in order to maintain natural water quality in the receiving waters. In the meantime and as we have previously requested, you must continue to plan for and institute best management practices to eliminate dry weather flows and to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff. If the exception is granted, the Los Angeles Water Board may allow your nonpoint source and/or storm water discharges to be covered under a Conditional Waiver, Waste Discharge Requirements, and/or a NPDES Storm Water Permit, with appropriate provisions required in your storm water management plans. In all cases, the Los Angeles Water Board will enforce the mitigation measures to be described in the exception granted by the State Water Board.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 341-5458 (dpolhemus@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dominic Gregorio, Senior Environmental Scientist, Ocean Unit, at (916) 341-5488 (dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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