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**BEFORE THE STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

In the Matter of the State Water Resources )	Hearing Date: September 24, 2007
Control Board (State Water Board) )	
Hearing to consider Monterey Peninsula )	Carmel River in Monterey County
Water Management District's (MPWMD) )	
Petitions to Change Permits 7130B and )	
20808 (Applications 11674B and 27614) )	

**EXHIBIT HS-12**

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RWQCB letter dated July 11, 2007 for General Waiver**



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Central Coast Region



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Dear Mr. Oliver:

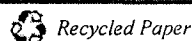
**RE: MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – AQUIFER STORAGE RECOVERY PROJECT, SEASIDE, MONTEREY COUNTY; WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

We reviewed your June 19, 2007 letter regarding the applicability of Resolution R3-2002-0115 (General Waiver) to Phase 1 of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Aquifer Storage Recovery Project. Specifically, your letter requests coverage under the General Waiver for onsite discharges of backflushing water from two existing aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) wells and the injection of Carmel River water into the Santa Margarita aquifer. Based on the information you provided we understand the following:

1. Two MPWMD ASR wells, the second of which was completed in April 2007, are located near the intersection of General Jim Moore Boulevard and Eucalyptus Road on former Fort Ord Property in Seaside.
2. All ASR well drill cuttings (reverse rotary) were distributed on the site and all well development and aquifer testing water have been percolated on site.
3. Phase I of the MPWMD ASR Project entails the diversion of excess Carmel River winter flow to the site for injection into the Santa Margarita aquifer via the ASR wells. Weekly ASR well backflushing will be conducted to prevent the buildup of fines within the wells' screens and filter pack.
4. ASR well backflushing water will be discharged to and contained within onsite percolation areas to prevent the offsite discharge of water and entrained sediment. Backflushing flow rates are unspecified.
5. The project is not in an area of known or suspected groundwater contamination.

Based on our review of the provided information, the discharge of well backflushing water to onsite percolation areas and the injection of Carmel River water into the ASR wells are appropriate for coverage under the General Waiver and do not require a report

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of waste discharge per paragraph C.4 of the General Waiver. For clarification, discharges of surface water or storm drainages are not covered by the General Waiver.

This letter serves as our authorization to discharge well backflusing water to onsite percolation areas and to inject Carmel River water into the ASR wells given these activities are conducted in accordance with paragraph C.4 of the General Waiver. We reserve the right to revoke this authorization or apply additional requirements as necessary to protect water quality based on any new information that becomes available.

Please note that the General Waiver expires on December 13, 2007 per finding 3.f. of the General Waiver. We will notify you prior to this date of our review and likely renewal of the General Waiver.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact **Matthew Keeling at (805) 549-3685, or mkeeling@waterboards.ca.gov**, or John Robertson at (805) 542-4630.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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