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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

Tracy Egoscue, Executive Officer

## Executive Officer's Report

*The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.*

### *Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement*

#### **Denial of Notices of Termination, Notices of Compliance (NTCs), Notices of Violation (NOVs), an Annual Report Review, Approval of Notices of Non-Applicability (NNAs), and a summary of Ventura County Superintendents of School's Facilities Network Meeting from October 10 to November 11, 2009**

Harumi Goya and Ejigu Solomon

2 Notices of Termination were denied

Date Issued	WDID#	Permittee	Type
10/30/2009	419I022288	Postcard Press	Industrial
1/2/2009	456I022022	General Petroleum	Industrial

2 Notices to Comply were issued:

Date Issued	WDID#	Permittee	Type
10/26/2009	419I020881	US Polymers Inc.	Industrial
11/9/2009	419I020629	Cal Poultry	Industrial

1 Annual Report Review- Benchmark Value Exceedance was sent:

Date Issued	WDID#	Permittee	Type
11/3/2009	419I011671	Santa Catalina Island Co.	Industrial

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*future generations.*

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11 Notices of Violation were issued:

Date Issued	WDID#	Permittee	Type
10/14/2009	Non Filer	M B Auto Dismantling	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	Honda Town Auto Dismantling	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	My Auto Wrecking	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	Popular Auto Wrecking	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	A1 Professional Auto Dismantling	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	Hong Kong Motors Inc.	Industrial
10/14/2009	Non Filer	P & F Used Auto Parts & Dismantling	Industrial
10/29/2009	419I013893	Talco Plastics, Inc.	Industrial
11/3/2009	419I018590	Advanced Mirroro & Design	Industrial
11/3/2009	419I020339	Golden Oval Eggs	Industrial
11/10/2009	109I019336	Mercury Plastics, Inc	Industrial

22 Notices of Non-Applicability were approved:

Date Issued	Permittee	Type
10/21/2009	Styles for Less Inc.	Industrial
10/21/2009	International Silicone	Industrial
10/21/2009	JRC Industries, Inc.	Industrial
10/21/2009	West Coast Laminating	Industrial
10/21/2009	Vicky's Furniture Inc.	Industrial
10/21/2009	Southern California Water Cuts	Industrial
10/21/2009	Viet Hung Paris	Industrial
10/23/2009	Ace Commercial Inc.	Industrial
10/23/2009	SRF Machine Engineering, Inc.	Industrial
10/23/2009	Mega Merch LLC	Industrial
10/23/2009	Saddle Creek Corporation	Industrial
10/23/2009	Lockhart Collection	Industrial
10/23/2009	Automated Packaging	Industrial
10/23/2009	Hong Kong Motors Inc.	Industrial
10/26/2009	Alliance Prosthetics	Industrial
10/26/2009	Menke Marking Devices	Industrial
10/27/2009	Machine Tool Factory Inc.	Industrial
10/27/2009	Woody's Precision Grinding	Industrial
10/28/2009	Schaffer Grinding Co., Inc.	Industrial
10/29/2009	Four Squared Mfg.	Industrial
10/29/2009	SMI CA, Inc.	Industrial
10/29/2009	All Vinyl Products, LLC	Industrial

**Ventura County Superintendents of School's Facilities Network Meeting**

Enrique Loera

A meeting was organized by Anita Kuhlman of the city of Camarillo to discuss stormwater pollution prevention measures and other items related to the State Industrial Permit as they apply to schools. The meeting took place on October 21, 2009. Enrique Loera of the Stormwater and Enforcement Unit gave a presentation.

The following topics were covered:

- When the Industrial General Permit applies.
- When The Construction General Permit applies.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) recommendations (source control and treatment control)
- Typical violations
- Inspection forms used
- New Construction and Industrial General Permit Status

## *Watershed Management*

### **Watershed Stakeholder Activities**

Nine of the ten watershed management areas in the Los Angeles Region have extensive stakeholder involvement (represented by agencies, individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations) in watershed and sub-watershed activities including development of planning documents and implementation of restoration projects. Major watershed activities involving multiple stakeholders include participation in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan process to address areawide water supply, water quality, and open space issues; and development and implementation of various water quality and wetlands restoration plans such as is occurring at Colorado Lagoon in Long Beach and at Ormond Beach Wetlands in Ventura County. Additional information on watershed stakeholder activities may be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/regional\\_program/index.shtml#Watershed](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed).

### **Watershed Management Initiative Chapter**

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Region's watersheds and their priority water quality issues. Updates occur as needed; the last update occurred in December 2007. The 2007 document can be downloaded at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/regional\\_program/index.shtml#Watershed](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed). In addition, there is a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one including State of Watershed Reports, where available, and lists of permits and impaired waters.

### **Funding**

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the California Watershed Funding Database website at <http://calwatershedfunds.org/>. Both Los Angeles and Ventura Counties have developed Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) in order to qualify for funding under Propositions 50 and 84. The Los Angeles County IRWMP may be viewed at <http://www.lawaterplan.org/> which also includes information on meeting schedules and summaries. The Greater LA Region is composed of five subregions which conduct separate steering committee meetings. The Ventura County IRWMP is available at <http://www.watershedscoalition.org/> which also includes information on meeting schedules and summaries. Committees/councils for the County's watersheds generally meet on a monthly basis. The Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County meets as a combined group less frequently. Stakeholders in the upper Santa Clara River watershed have developed a separate IRWMP which is available at <http://www.scrwaterplan.org>.

## *Landfills Unit*

### **Clean Closure of an Illegal Waste Disposal Site at Santa Catalina Island**

Wen Yang

In a letter dated October 19, 2009, to Santa Catalina Island Company (land owner), the Executive Officer approved clean closure of an illegal waste disposal site that is located at 13 Roaring Canyon Road, Santa

Catalina Island. In April 2009, during excavation to prepare the site for use as a container storage facility, solid wastes that had been illegally disposed of at the Site, including scrap metal, concrete, tires, automotive batteries, and other household debris, were encountered. To ensure that all such non-hazardous and potentially hazardous wastes are removed from the site, the land owner proposed remediation that included the identification and complete removal of all solid wastes and any contaminated soil.

Remediation at the site was conducted from June to August 2009, under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Department Public Health Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). Regional Board staff worked closely with the LEA by reviewing the workplan and final remediation report and conducting an inspection. Based on the information provided by the land owner and the LEA and the observations made during the inspection, staff determined that all illegally discharged solid wastes at the site had been removed and hauled for proper offsite disposal. Remediation at the site therefore meets the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 27 (27 CCR), Section 21810, for clean closure.

### **Malibu Septic Prohibition**

Wendy Phillips

Most of the Landfill staff was re-directed since July to support efforts by the Groundwater Permitting staff as they finalized tech memos, reviewed CEQA comments, and prepared responses to comments. The Landfill staff added much value to the final product.

## *Groundwater Permitting Unit—(Non Chapter 15)*

### **Sanitation at Surfrider Beach**

Toni Callaway

On February 25, 2003, the Regional Board enrolled the County of Los Angeles under a general WDR for the comfort station at Surfrider Beach. Shortly after commencement of the groundwater monitoring program required under the WDR, the County found bacteria in excess of limits set in accordance with the *Ocean Plan*. In 2006, the leachfield failed, and the County has been using the existing septic tank as a holding tank and hauling raw sewage for offsite for disposal. Last month, the City of Malibu notified the County that plans for upgrade of the septic system, including relocation of the leachfield, have been approved, and the County plans to proceed immediately with the upgrade, as this is a less costly alternative to hauling during interim period before the prohibition on existing discharges in the Malibu Civic Center area becomes effective in 2015.

### **Malibu Civic Center Area Septic Prohibition**

Rebecca Chou

The Regional Board adopted the resolution for Malibu Civic Center Septic Prohibition on November 5, 2009. The final resolution, prohibition map, and staff reports may be viewed at [http://ww.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/water\\_issues/programs/basin\\_plan/](http://ww.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/)

### **General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)**

Rosie Villar and Rebecca Chou

From September 30, 2009 to November 9, 2009, staff enrolled two dischargers under general WDRs and terminated coverage of one other discharger, as shown:

	Project Manager	Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Termination
<b>General WDR for groundwater remediation at petroleum hydrocarbon fuel and/or volatile organic compound impacted sites (Order No. R4-2007-0019)</b>				
Former ExxonMobil Station 18PK6, Thousand Oaks (Series No. 108)	Gregg Kwey (UST Program)	10/22/09		
LADWP Tujunga Wells 6 & 8, LA (Series No. 112)	Gregg Kwey (UST Program)	11/2/09		
<b>General WDR for specified discharges to groundwater (Order No. 93-010)</b>				
Liberty Canyon VTTM 53100, Agoura Hills (Series No. 028)	Orlando Gonzalez			11/02/09

### *Underground Storage Tank Program*

#### **Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites**

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **October 6, 2009** through **November 9, 2009**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Mobil Service Station 18MDD, Harbor City (907100034)
- Industry Pacific, Inc. Industry (R-15141A)
- Former Shell Service Station, Van Nuys (914050852)
- Nix Automotive Services, Woodland Hills (913640516)
- 76 Products Station #1747, Studio City (916040243)
- Mobil Mobil Services, Los Angeles (900230234)
- Chevron Station #9-9693, Agoura Hills (R-09912)
- 4600 Super Service, Commerce (I-04693)
- Former 76 Service Station #255407, Culver City (I-07110)
- Former ExxonMobil Station #18-LDM, Los Angeles (900250070)
- Arco Station #9646, Los Angeles (I-05569)
- Shell-Branded Service Station, Diamond Bar (I-09300)
- Mobil Service Station 18FDQ, North Hollywood (916020034)
- Former Shell Service Station, South El Monte (R-00938A)
- Thrifty Oil Station #010 (Arco #9508), Montebello (I-10925)
- Cruiser's Car Wash, Northridge (913240834)
- York Tank Battery, Santa Clarita (R-50042)
- Citrus Car Wash, Covina (R-09681)
- Former Shell Service Station, Los Angeles (900450689)
- Former Shell Branded Service Station, Harbor City (I-05961A)

- Anaheim Street Property, Long Beach (908130470)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **3,696** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **236,129** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, **705,779** gallons of impacted groundwater were treated.

**Executive Officer issued general Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)**

Yue Rong

The Executive Officer, on behalf of the board, issued 1 general Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to Tujunga Wells #6 and #7 of City of Los Angeles (11/2/09). The WDRs issued for re-injection of treated groundwater as a pilot study to restore the water supply from these two wells.

*Enforcement Unit*

**NPDES Facility Inspections**

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 9 facilities with NPDES Permits since November 5, 2009. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

**13267 Order:**

A 13267 Order to Submit Information Letter was issued to the City of South Pasadena on October 23, 2009 for the October 10, 2009 unpermitted discharge of raw sewage at 1020 Arroyo Verde Road in South Pasadena, CA. The Discharger has until November 19, 2009 to submit the required information and report to the Regional Board.

**ACL Complaint for MMP:**

Complaint for mandatory minimum penalty No. R4-2008-0165-M was issued to Venoco, Inc. (Permittee) on October 30, 2009 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0111, NPDES Permit No. CAG994004. The Permittee has until November 20, 2009 to respond.

Complaint Order No. R4-2009-0135-M was issued to St. Vincent Medical Center on October 30, 2009, S. Mark Taper Foundation Transplant Center located at 2200 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California, for violating waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0111. The discharger has until November 20, 2009 to respond.

Complaint Order No. R4-2009-0160-M was issued to Magic Gas & Auto Service on October 30, 2009, Magic Gas & Auto Service located at 1600 North Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, California, for violating waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. R4-2002-0125. The discharger has until November 20, 2009 to respond.