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Mr. Tim Dennis, District Manager
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76001 Commercial Street
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Dear Mr. Dennis:

Subject: Response to Comments for Covelo Community Services District, NPDES
Permit Renewal

File: Covelo Community Services District, Wastewater Treatment Plant, (WWTP)
WDID No. 1B8300OMEN

On February 25, 2011, we sent a draft copy of the Covelo Community Services District, WWTP Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for your review. On March 15, we received your timely comments related to the difficulty of collecting 24-hour composite samples for compliance evaluation at the WWTP.

Regional Water Board staff understand the difficulties that can be associated with operating a small WWTP in a remote rural location such as Covelo. We have evaluated your request and eliminated the requirement for 24-hour composite sample collection. Considering the nature of the Covelo WWTP we find that grab methodology would be adequate to provide representative samples, given the extended detention times and mixing likely to occur in the pond system. The Monitoring and Reporting Program has been revised to reflect grab sample collection for all effluent samples and either 8-hour composite or grab samples for influent monitoring during periods of discharge to Grist Creek.

Thank you for providing us with your comments on the draft permit.

Sincerely,

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