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Rick Kashfi
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Dear Mr. Kashfi:

74 CORONA ROAD, CARMEL HIGHLANDS, CARMEL, (APN: 241-052-001), MONTEREY COUNTY; PROPOSED WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE ONSITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM (RESOLUTION R3-2008-0020)

We reviewed Monterey County Department of Health's (County) December 20, 2007, *Application for an Alternative Onsite Wastewater System Permit for the Kashfi Residence at 74 Corona Road, APN 241-052-001*. The application package contains a Report of Waste Discharge Supplemental Form for Regional Board Subsurface Disposal Exemption Submittal (for Basin Plan Exemption) and design documents for an engineered onsite wastewater system for the subject property prepared by Andrew Brownstone of BioSphere Consulting.

The Basin Plan and existing July 1979 Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Central Coast Water Board prohibits the County from approving engineered onsite wastewater systems. The engineered system is being proposed in response to our March 7, 2007 and May 7, 2007 letters to the County regarding the ongoing use of onsite wastewater systems in the Carmel Highlands area and subsequent County Ordinance Nos. 5086 and 5093.

Your Basin Plan exemption request is hereby approved. We intend to request the Regional Board waive waste discharge requirements for the proposed engineered system at its March 21, 2008 meeting in Salinas. The enclosed draft Waiver (Resolution No. R3-2008-0020) contains staff-proposed conditions based on County Ordinance No. 5093 and nonstandard County permit conditions. The Waiver is subject to Water Board approval.

We have no objections to the County issuing a building permit at this time. However, this letter does not authorize sewage discharges to the proposed system. You may choose to proceed with construction of the proposed system at your own risk given the Water Board retains the authority to deny the proposed Waiver or add additional conditions. We will advise you of the Water Board's determination of the proposed Waiver following the March 21, 2008 meeting. You may choose to attend the meeting.

The proposed Waiver and associated attachments can also be viewed and downloaded from our website at:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/Permits/Index.htm

Please submit all comments regarding the proposed Waiver in writing to the above address no later than **February 18, 2008**. All comments or objections received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept comments or other written submissions on the draft Waiver after **February 18, 2008**, unless the Central Coast Water Board chairman rules that exclusion would create a severe hardship, and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments must explain why the materials were not submitted by February 18, 2008. The Central Coast Water Board Chairman will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submissions that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all designated parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the meeting.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to **Matthew Keeling at (805) 549-3685 or mkeeling@waterboards.ca.gov,** or Harvey Packard at (805) 542-4639.

Sincerely,

Harvey Packard

for Roger W. Briggs
Executive Officer

Paper File: Agency, Monterey County Individual Sewage Disposal System Waiver
Electronic File: S:\WDR\Basin Plan Exemptions\Monterey Co\ISDS\74 Corona Rd\Authltr011408.doc
Task Code: 126-01

Enclosure: Waiver Resolution No. R3-2008-0020 (DRAFT)

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