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Mr. Keith Lewinger General Manager Fallbrook Public Utility District P.O. Box 2290 Fallbrook, CA 92088-2290 In reply refer to: POTW:01-0115.02:VASOV

Dear Mr. Lewinger:

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2006-002; NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0108031; WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 1, DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN VIA THE OCEANSIDE OCEAN OUTFALL, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Enclosed is a copy of Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002, NPDES Permit No. CA0108031, including a monitoring and reporting program and fact sheet which Regional Board staff intends to present to the Regional Board for adoption at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, 2006.

If adopted, tentative Order No. R9-2006-002, NPDES Permit No. CA0108031, would update waste discharge requirements for the discharge of treated wastewater effluent from the Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 to the Pacific Ocean via the Oceanside Ocean Outfall. If adopted, Order No. R9-2006-002 would supersede Order No. 2000-012 effective June 1, 2006, except for enforcement purposes.

Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002 is a reissuance of tentative Order No. R9-2005-0137 with modifications. Tentative Order No. R9-2005-0137, which was originally issued for public comment on May 13, 2005, was revised in response to public comments received as well as for other reasons initiated by the Regional Board, and is being reissued for public comments today as tentative Order No. R9-2006-002. Enclosed is the Regional Board's Responses to Comments document for comments received regarding tentative Order No. R9-2005-0137; in that document, tentative Order No. R9-2005-0137 is referred to as "the original tentative Order" and tentative Order No. R9-2006-002 is referred to as "the revised tentative Order."

Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002 contains updated requirements, new standard language, as well as a new format. The Regional Board would like to point out the following areas in the tentative Order that differ from existing Order No. 2000-012:

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- 1. The initial dilution ratio has been recalculated, resulting in an increase from 82:1 to 87:1.
- 2. Concentration effluent limitations prescribed by Order No. 2000-012 for conventional pollutants, for the most part, have been retained. "Maximum at any time" technology-based effluent limitations based on secondary treatment standards have been removed. Mass emission rate effluent limitations have not been included for conventional pollutants.
- 3. A reasonable potential analysis (RPA) was conducted using data supplied by the District. Effluent limitations were included for constituents with reasonable potential. Constituents that do not have reasonable potential or had inconclusive RPA results are listed as "performance goals" in this Order. These constituents shall be monitored, but the results will be used for informational purposes only, not compliance determination.
- 4. The discharge was determined to have reasonable potential to cause an exceedance of the water quality objective for chronic toxicity, and thus, an effluent limitation calculated using the revised initial dilution ratio was included in this tentative Order. However, the monitoring frequency for chronic toxicity has been reduced from monthly to quarterly.
- 5. Reasonable potential for acute toxicity was not indicated to be present in the discharge; an acute toxicity performance goal is instead included. The monitoring frequency for acute toxicity has been reduced from monthly to semiannually.
- 6. Section VII Compliance Determination has been added to explain how compliance with the requirements of the tentative Order will be determined.

The April 12, 2006 meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and will be held at the following location:

City of Laguna Beach City Council Chambers 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, California

Please review and comment on the revised tentative Order at your earliest convenience. It is recommended that written comments be submitted as soon as possible to enable staff to amend the tentative Order, if necessary, and allow changes to the tentative Order to be fully reviewed by the Regional Board and interested parties. To ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, comments should be received in the Regional Board's office no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. The final deadline for submittal of written comments, however, is 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Per Regional Board direction, written material submitted to the Regional Board office after the submittal deadline date will not be provided to the Regional Board. Also, it is not likely that written material will be accepted by the Regional Board on the day of the meeting.

The tentative Order is being made available to the public for review at the Regional Water Board office. A copy of the tentative Order is also available at the Regional Water Board internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/.



If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. Victor Vasquez at (858) 636-3155, or via email at vvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure:

- 1. Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002; NPDES Permit No. CA0108031
- 2. Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program for Order No. R9-2006-002
- 3. Fact Sheet for Tentative Order No. R9-2006-002
- 4. Response to Comments from Interested Parties for Tentative Order No. R9-2005-0137

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