

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region**

**Response to Comments Report**

**Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0109  
Amending  
Order No. R9-2010-0012, NPDES No. CA0108952,  
*Waste Discharge Requirements  
for the Sweetwater Authority  
Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility  
Discharge to the Lower Sweetwater River Basin  
San Diego County***

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## **Introduction**

This report contains responses to written comments received on Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0109 Amending Order No. R9-2010-0012, NPDES No. CA0108952, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Sweetwater Authority Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility Discharge to the Lower Sweetwater River Basin San Diego County*. The Tentative Order was made available for public review and comment for 31 days, with the comment period ending on November 6, 2014.

## **Comments and Responses**

The written comments and staff responses are in the table that follows. The comments are organized according to the person that made the comment. The table indicates if the Tentative Order was revised in response to the comment.

No.	Comment	Response	Action Taken
<b>Scott McClelland, Director of Water Quality, Sweetwater Authority</b>			
1	Page 1, Item 2; The listed GPS coordinates for EFF-001b under R9-2010-0012 are incorrect.	Comment noted	The Tentative Order has been revised as requested.
2	Page 5, Item 1; The listing of pages modified by the RWQCB is incomplete.	Comment noted	The Tentative Order has been revised as requested.
3	<p>In Order Section II.B. (Page 7) and Fact Sheet Section II.B. (Page F-8), it is stipulated the (Reynolds) Facility may discharge through Discharge Point 001a during emergencies or for maintenance, subject to prior notification to the Executive Officer of the San Diego Water Board. I would suggest the following language be used instead:</p> <p>“For planned maintenance activities, when EFF-001a needs to be utilized, Sweetwater Authority will provide a 10 day written notice to the Executive Officer of the San Diego Water Board describing the action requiring the change of discharge location and the anticipated duration of the event. For emergency situations, the Authority will provide notification within 72 hours from the switching of the brine discharge from point EFF-001b to point EFF-001a.”</p> <p>We have suggested this language to prevent our operations from violating the discharge permit should we need to do an emergency change in the discharge location and prior notification to the Executive Office will not be possible. Also, we have selected the 72 hour notification of emergency location change as an appropriate time frame to notify the Water Board staff should the event fall on a holiday weekend. If you have another standard that you use we would be open to suggestions.</p>	Comment noted	The Tentative Order has been revised as requested.