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Dear Mr. Cali

Thank you for visiting the Santa Maria Water Reclamation Plant on February 25, 2015, regarding compliance inspection. Our Chief Operator is currently in the process of scheduling replacement and calibration of various flow meters at the plant. It is my intent to notify you once the effluent meter has been further calibrated.

As we briefly discussed during your visit, the District is currently facing challenges related to the potable water quality available through imported water supply for the community of Ramona. Currently and with increasing frequency over the last few years, potable water received from the San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District have total dissolved solids (TDS) and sulfide concentrations that exceed our current discharge limitations. Recent laboratory results for our supply water identified sulfide concentrations of 230 mg/L and TDS concentrations of 650 mg/L. As we discussed, it is increasingly difficult to meet current discharge limits with potable water supplies that exceed those limits before consumer use and discharge to the treatment facility. It is noted, however, that District has continued to maintain its discharge requirements based on our permitted twelve-month running average calculation.

We would like to further discuss with you how we might work together to address the issues related to potable water supply concentrations relative to current effluent discharge limitations. With the decline in potable water quality available to the community of Ramona, the sulfate and TDS limitations appear to be inconsistent with current potable water quality and our effluent requirements. It is our hope that we can work with you and the Regional Water Quality Control Board to define a solution that addresses these water supply quality challenges.

Again, thank you for your time to visit the Santa Maria plant, and I look forward to discussing these matters with you more in the near future. If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (760) 419-3787.

Respectfully Submitted

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