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Ms. Alice Benson
Wastewater Operations Manager
Ramona Municipal Water District
105 Earlham Street
Ramona, CA 92065-1599

In reply refer to:
255468:chenning

Dear Ms. Benson:

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION NO. R9-2009-0121
SAN VICENTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Enclosed is Notice of Violation (NOV) No. R9-2009-0121 for San Vicente Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The basis for this NOV was the monitoring data contained in the October - December 2008 and the January - March 2009 self monitoring reports submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District (District) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 93-03:

In addition to the 5 violations identified in the NOV, the following violations of the boron and total dissolved solids discharge specification were reported in the monitoring reports. These violations should be addressed with the recent completion of the District's new reverse osmosis system.

1. There were 2 exceedances of Discharge Specification B.1 of the 12-month average effluent concentration for boron, established at 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The exceedances occurred during the October - December 2008 and January - March 2009 monitoring periods with reported averages of 0.53 and 0.54 mg/L, respectively.
2. There were 10 exceedances of Discharge Specification B.1 of the daily maximum effluent concentration for total dissolved solids, established at 650 mg/L. The exceedances occurred during the October - December 2008 and January - March 2009 monitoring periods with reported values between 720 and 900 mg/L.
3. There were 2 exceedances of Discharge Specification B.1 of the 12-month average effluent concentration for total dissolved solids, established at 600 mg/L. The exceedances occurred during the October - December 2008 and January - March 2009 monitoring periods with reported averages of 848 and 840 mg/L, respectively.

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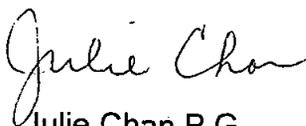
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The next monitoring report due is the April - June 2009 quarterly monitoring report for Order No. R9-2009-0005, due by July 30, 2009.

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "in reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Ms. Cathryn Henning at (858)-636-3161 or at chenning@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Julie Chan P.G.
Supervising Engineering Geologist
Groundwater Basins Branch

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**Waste Discharge Requirements: Order No. 93-03
 Facility: San Vicente Wastewater Treatment Plant**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

The Ramona Municipal Water District (District) violated Order No. 93-03, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Ramona Municipal Water District, San Vicente Treatment Plant, San Diego County*. These violations subject the District to possible further enforcement action by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), including administrative enforcement orders requiring the District to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative assessment of civil liability in amounts of up to \$5,000 per day per violation;¹ referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The Regional Board reviewed the following quarterly monitoring reports required by Order No. 93-03:

PERIOD	REPORT DATE	DATE RECEIVED
October – December 2008	January 29, 2009	January 30, 2009
January – March 2009	April 30, 2009	May 4, 2009

Summary of Violations

1. There was 1 violation of Discharge Specification B.5.a which references California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22 Reclamation Criteria stating that the number of total coliform bacteria shall not exceed a most probably number (MPN) of 23 per 100 milliliters (mL) in more than one sample in any 30 day period. The daily total coliform bacteria exceeded this standard on January 7, 2009.
2. There were 4 violations of Discharge Specification B.5.a which references CCR Title 22 Reclamation Criteria stating that the median concentration of total coliform bacteria shall not exceed a MPN of 2.2 per 100 mL utilizing the

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

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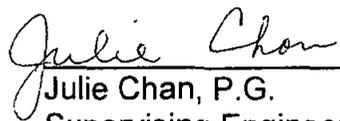
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bacteriological results of the last seven days for which analyses have been completed. Between December 20, 2009 and December 23, 2009 the seven day median was reported between an MPN of 4 and 5 per 100 mL.

Questions pertaining to the issuance of this Notice of Violation are to be directed to Cathryn Henning at (858)-636-3161 via e-mail at chenning@waterboards.ca.gov.
Written correspondence should be directed to the following address:

Ms. Julie Chan
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