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November 8, 2010

In reply refer to:
255468:adai

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

Dear Ms. Benson:

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS FOR SAN VICENTE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the July-September 2010 quarterly monitoring report submitted by the Ramona Municipal Water District (District) in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2009-0005:

The San Diego Water Board identified the following violations in the submitted reports:

1. The 12-month average Discharge Specification B.3b for percent sodium, established at 55%, exceeded in July 2010 with a reported value of 57%.

Please be aware this violation subjects the District to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water 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 San Diego Water Board has the following comments:

1. The 12-month average Discharge Specification B.3b for MBAS is 0.9 mg/L. Thus, there is no violation of MBAS in the July-September quarterly report.
2. Discharge Specification B.3b did not list any effluent limitations for nitrate. Thus, there is no violation of nitrate in the July-September quarterly report.

¹ Under authority of California Water Code section 13350.

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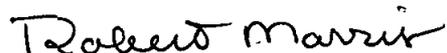
The next monitoring report to be submitted is the October-December 2010 quarterly monitoring report due by January 30, 2011.

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For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Amanda Dai at (858) 627-3977 or via email at adai@waterboards.ca.gov.

**PLEASE INCLUDE "255468:ADAI" IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF FUTURE
CORRESPONDANCE.**

Sincerely,



Robert Morris, P.E.
Senior Water Resource Control Engineer
Cleanup and Land Discharge Branch

Regulatory Measure #: 376501
CIWQS Violation #: 884249

Attachment: Guidelines for Electronic Submittal Documents



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TO: All Persons/Parties Submitting Documents and Data

FROM: David W. Gibson, Executive Officer

DATE: July 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Electronic Submittal of Documents – CD-ROM

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The following format guidelines will provide an accurate substitute of an original paper-sourced document suitable for inspection, review, and copying:

1. **Convert** documents greater than 10 megabytes (>10MB), or more than 25 pages, into a PDF file as it would normally appear in a paper-sourced document. Please limit the size of the PDF file to <150mbs (less than 150MB); if more than 150MB, divide the document into volumes. *Documents that are 25 pages or less need not be submitted on CD.*
2. **Transfer** onto a CD. Remember to *label* the CD and case or envelope with similar information which appears in the 'subject' line of the cover page (ie. title of the document, property name and location, submission date, and project identifier such as NPDES, CIWQS, Order Numbers, etc.).
3. **Verify** that the PDF file on CD:
 - a. Contains the *entire* document, maintaining organization and layout, including page orientations, size, margins, fonts, table formats, page numbers, and appendices.
 - i. Appendix cover pages must be in the same order as they would appear in a paper-sourced document, followed by the information assigned to that appendix; and
 - ii. Each subsection of an appendix must also have its own cover page (ie. Appendix D.1 or Appendix E.4) followed by the information assigned to that subsection.

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- b. Allows the reviewer to *copy text and images* into common word processing documents (OCR – Optical Character Recognition). If you do not have this technology we will attempt to convert the PDF into OCR as necessary.
 - c. Enables review of the document *clearly and legibly*. If needed for larger documents, include a well-structured table of contents that allows the reviewer to identify key components of the document. Generally, bookmarks are useful, and hypertext linking improves navigation through the document. However, in order to minimize loss of functionality, if hypertext links are provided, use only relative paths which do not reference specific drives or root directories, and make the bookmark hierarchy identical to the table of contents (avoid using more than 2-3 levels which will increase the need for space to read the bookmarks).
4. *Submit / mail* to the address listed above with a *paper copy of a cover letter, transmittal page, and/or report cover page*. See additional information regarding original certifications and other original signature requirements below.

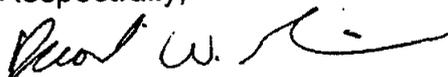
Be advised that failure to comply with formatting guidelines for CD-sourced documents may cause a delay in the review of the submission, and you may be requested to perform necessary re-conversion changes. Additionally, we may request that some documents and materials continue to be submitted on paper, particularly large drawings or maps.

Documents submitted via electronic mail (e-mail) to individual Staff will not be accepted as formal submissions at this time. In order to properly catalogue all submissions, they must be sent to our mailing address.

The San Diego Water Board is developing policy and procedure requirements for the submission of digital signatures (electronic signatures). In the meantime, if documents for which regulations, orders, permits, etc., require an *original hand-written signature*, such as professional certifications or penalty of perjury oaths, please *also* scan and insert into the PDF file where appropriate and easily identified. If you are unable to provide an electronic duplicate of the original hand-written signature please indicate on your cover letter when submitting the CD-sourced document.

If you have questions please call the appropriate Staff assigned to your program or project. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in protecting California's natural resources.

Respectfully,



David Gibson,
Executive Officer

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