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In reply refer to:
CRU: 257590
WDID: 9 000000117

Mr. Tom Rosales
General Manager
South Orange County Wastewater Authority
34156 Del Obispo Street
Dana Point, California 92629

Dear Mr. Rosales:

SUBJECT: Notice of Violation of Order No. R9-2006-0055, NPDES NO. CA0107611; Review of Self-Monitoring Reports

FACILITY: SOCWA - Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall (multiple facilities)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) staff has reviewed the monitoring reports for the facility referenced above for March 2008 through March 2011. We have identified the following violations and included the following comments:

- **Effluent Violation of Discharge Specifications Section IV.B.3**
 1. The instantaneous maximum effluent limitation (3.0 ml/L) for settleable solids (SS) was exceeded on January 19, 2009 at Monitoring Location M-001B, Coastal Treatment Plant, with the concentration of 32 ml/L.¹
 2. The instantaneous maximum effluent limitation (3.0 ml/L) for SS was exceeded on August 19, 2009 at Monitoring Location M-001B, Coastal Treatment Plant, with the concentration of 4 ml/L.
 3. The maximum daily effluent limitation (261 TUc) for chronic toxicity was exceeded on May 20, 2009 at Monitoring Location M-001 with the concentration of >1000 TUc.
- **Violation of Monitoring & Reporting Program (MRP), Attachment E, Section VIII.B**
 4. The MRP of Order No. R9-2006-0055 states that cBOD shall be sampled monthly. On July 16, 2009, cBOD was not reported at Monitoring Location M-001C.

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• **Comment**

5. At the this time, there is insufficient information to reach a conclusion regarding the contribution, if any, that the discharges are having on the bacteria levels in the near shore. Total coliform, fecal coliform, and/or enterococcus concentrations at a few of the surf zone stations exceeded the receiving water quality standards set forth in Order No. R9-2006-0055, Section V.A.1 for the periods of January 2008, February 2008, March 2008, August 2008, September 2008, October 2008, September 2008, November 2008, December 2008, January 2009, February 2009, March 2009, April 2009, May 2009, July 2009, August 2009, October 2009, November 2009, December 2009, December 2009, January 2010, February 2010, March 2010, April 2010, May 2010, June 2010, July 2010, August 2010, September 2010, October 2010, November 2010, December 2010, January 2011, February 2011, and March 2011.

¹Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC) Section 13385(h), a mandatory minimum penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3000) shall be assessed for each serious violation.

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Respectfully,



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Order No.	R9-2006-0055
NPDES No.	CA0107611
CIWQS Place ID	257590
WDID	9 000000117
CIWQS Reg. Measure Nos.	309084
Violations	(1) 913072; (2) 913076; (3) 913077; (4) 913080
Enforcement	382270 (Notice of Violation, NOV)