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## California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

December 18, 2014

**In reply refer to:**

**212463: acali**

Ms. Michele Stress  
DPW Unit Manager  
Landfill Management  
County of San Diego  
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Subject: Inspection of Cactus Park Landfill  
Order No. R9-2012-0003**

Ms. Stress:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) conducted an inspection of the Cactus Park Landfill (the Facility) on November 19, 2014. The San Diego Water Board has also reviewed the 2013-2014 annual report submitted by the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County) for the Facility in accordance with Order No. R9-2012-0003. This letter is intended to provide you with a summary of the inspection and all findings related to the annual report.

### **Staff Observations:**

1. San Diego Water Board inspectors, Mr. Alex Cali and Ms. Leah Canada were accompanied by County of San Diego staff, Mr. Jason Forga.
2. Drainage flumes and drainage inlets were observed to be clear of debris. One flume had a minimal amount of sediment at the base but was held in place due to functioning BMPs, gravel bags and silt fence (Figure 6, 7, and 8).
3. Rodent holes were observed at the Facility, however bait stations and an owl tower was installed at the facility to address the issue (Figure 2, 3, and 4).

### **Areas of Concern:**

1. A 55-gallon drum was observed on the landfill cover at the Facility during the inspection. Mr. Forga stated that the drum contained pieces of broken glass which had been dug up and brought to the surface by rodents and collected throughout the year by County staff. This condition was not mentioned in the Site Conditions Certification Report. As such a Re-Certification must be submitted after it is

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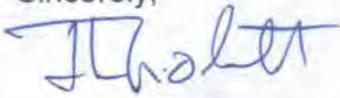


corrected to alert the San Diego Water Board that any deficiencies have been addressed after the start of the rainy season.

- 2. San Diego Water Board Staff observed straw wattles that were placed end to end instead of overlapping one another (Figures 5 and 6). This condition should be corrected and addressed in the Site Conditions Re-Certification Report.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference **212436:acali**. Please contact Mr. Alex Cali at 619-521-3355, or at [Alex.Cali@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alex.Cali@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



John R. Odermatt, P.G, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Land Discharge Unit

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- Enclosure:
- 1) Inspection Report Form
  - 2) Photographs

Tech Staff Info & Use	
Order No.	R9-2012-0001
Party (GT/CIWQS) ID	11763
File No.	06-0911
WDID	9 000000911
Reg. Measure ID	214036
Place ID	212463
Inspection ID	18365193

Facility Name: Cactus Park Landfill  
 Facility Address: Ashwood St., Lakeside, CA 92040  
 Owner: San Diego Cnty Dept of Public Works  
 Operator: San Diego County Department of Public Works  
 Site Supervisor/Contact: Jason Forga

Inspection Date: 11-19-2014  
 Inspection Type: Type B Compliance  
 RB Inspector: Alex Cali/Leah Canada  
 RB Order No.: R9-2012-0003

INDICATE (Y /N/ NA)	Description	Comments
<b>File/ Report Review</b>		
N/A	Was the most recent groundwater monitoring report reviewed before the inspection?	
Y	Was the annual Site Certification Report reviewed before the inspection?	
N	Were any violations noted in the most recent reports?	
N	Have past violations been corrected?	
<b>Precipitation &amp; Drainage Controls</b>		
Y	Is the perimeter drain clear of debris?	
Y	Is the site graded to promote sheet flow / positive drainage?	
Y	Are all drains clear of debris?	
N/A	Is the detention basin less than half full of debris/sediment?	
N	Was ponding observed during the inspection?	
N	Are there signs of erosion, undercutting, rills on cover, benches and/or slopes?	
<b>Cover/Site conditions/Maintenance</b>		
Final	Type of Cover (daily, intermediate, final)	
Y	Is the cover intact / are wastes contained?	
Y	At inactive/closed sites, does the cover have vegetation?	
Y	Is the site well kept, the vegetation maintained (mowed, trimmed, etc)?	
Y	Is there evidence of rodents (holes in the cover, etc)?	
Y	If so, are there rodent control measures in place?	
<b>Groundwater Monitoring System</b>		
N	Does the site have a groundwater monitoring program? Type: __ DMP __ EMP __ Corrective Action	
N/A	Are the monitoring wells in good condition?	
N/A	Were any wellheads broken, damaged, or unlocked?	
N	Does the site have an LCRS System?	
N/A	Is the LCRS tank/lines intact?	

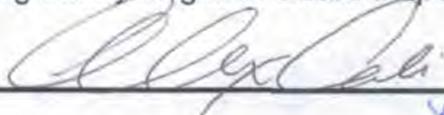
**Additional Comments, description of violations or areas of concern:**

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- 2) San Diego Water Board Staff observed straw wattles that were placed end to end instead of overlapping one another.
- 3) Rodent holes were observed at the Facility, however bait stations and an owl tower was installed at the facility to address the issue.
- 4) Drainage flumes and drainage inlets were observed to be clear of debris. One flume had a minimal amount of sediment at the base but was held in place due to functioning BMPs, gravel bags and silt fence.

The items listed above constitute either a violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, another Order issued by the San Diego Water Board, or areas of concern and potential violations for this Site. Please take steps to correct these violations as soon as possible.

Signed by Regional Board Inspector:

Date:

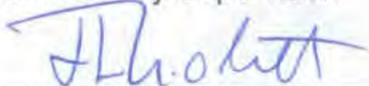


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Reviewed by Supervisor:

Date:

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Attachments:

CIWQS Place ID:	212463
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CIWQS Inspection ID:	18365193
File No.:	06-0911

**Cactus Park Landfill**

**Pictures Taken by Mr. Alex Cali on November 19, 2014**



**Figure 1- Drainage Flume with Gravel Bags**



**Figure 2- Rodent Control Bait Station**



Figure 3- Rodent Control Owl Tower



Figure 4- Rodent Holes on Top Deck of Landfill



Straw wattles  
installed end to end.

Figure 5- Slope Facing Northwest



Straw wattles  
installed end to end.

Figure 6- West Drainage Inlet



Figure 7- Bottom of Drainage Flume



Figure 8- Silt Fence Installed at Base of Drainage Flume