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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION, ORDER NO. R9-2009-0002, 10-TC-11

COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, CITIES OF DANA POINT, LAGUNA HILLS, LAGUNA NIGUEL, LAKE FOREST, MISSION VIEJO, AND SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CO-CLAIMANTS

WATER BOARDS' REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR THE UNDERLYING SAN DIEGO REGION MS4 PERMIT, R9-2009-0002 AND FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING

Dear Ms. Halsey:

On September 9, 2016, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) (collectively Water Boards) file a copy of the official administrative record(s) for the underlying Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, R9-2009-0002 (NPDES No. CAS0108740) on October 10, 2016. On September 20, 2016, the Commission granted the Water Boards' request for extension of time to November 10, 2016, to file the administrative record.

The San Diego Water Board uploaded the administrative record to the Commission's Drop Box on November 10 but was informed by the Commission on November 14 that the files were not in legible format as required by regulations. We believe all of the files are now in legible format with the exception of several audio files (in MP3 format) of early hearings on the underlying permit which have not yet been converted to hard copy transcripts/PDF. It is the San Diego Water Board's typical practice to include audio recordings rather than hard copy transcripts in its administrative records unless the record must be prepared for judicial proceedings. However, in a telephone conversation with Jill Magee on November 15, the Water Boards learned that the Commission requires the record contain hard copy transcripts (capable of conversion to PDF) instead of audio files. Ms. Magee also stated that the Commission prefers that the San Diego

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¹ State Water Board regulations applicable to petitions for review of regional water board actions by the State Water Board specify that when an administrative record is requested, it shall be filed "including a copy of the tape recording of the regional board action, or a transcript, if available." Cal. Code Regs., *tit* 23, § 2050.5(a).)

Water Board submit the administrative record inclusive of transcripts from audio files instead of submitting the partial record immediately, to be supplemented at a later date.

For the reasons described below, the San Diego Water Board requests a 30 day extension of time until December 10, 2016, to file the administrative record. It will be necessary for the San Diego Water Board to prepare its own transcript of the audio files as the reporting company no longer has the record from which to prepare a transcript. The Board hopes that reliance or partial reliance on electronic conversion programs may expedite this process and is exploring these options. In any event, we expect the process of preparing transcripts to be time consuming due to the nature of hearings on MS4 permits where many different speakers are heard and board discussion is frequently extensive. Additionally, staff working on the administrative record are also responsible for other duties, including assisting with preparation of comments and administrative records for other test claims. Also, separate from the preparation of transcripts, several placeholders were noted in the index to the administrative record filed November 10 indicating that the San Diego Water Board is still trying to locate some claimant-authored reports for inclusion in the record. We hope to be able to locate and include all of these reports in the record when it is submitted. Other reasons supporting the requested extension include the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and, as the attorney responsible for the San Diego Water Board test claim matters, I have a preplanned out-of-state vacation from November 30-December 5.

Section 1187.9(a) of the Commission's regulations provides that so long as a postponement of a hearing would not be required, there is no prejudice to any party or interested party, and there is no other good reason for denial, the request shall be approved. The hearing on this test claim is tentatively set for March 24, 2017. It appears that a 30 day extension to submit the record may necessitate a postponement of the hearing to the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing date. Accordingly, the Water Boards also request that the hearing be postponed to the next regularly scheduled hearing date.

Section 1187.9(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations authorize the executive director to grant a postponement of hearing upon an affirmative showing of good cause. The Water Boards believe that the above reasons establish good cause exists both for an extension of time to submit the record and to postpone the hearing. The Water Boards believe the requested extension of time is essential to preparation of a complete record and that the interests of justice will be served by postponing the hearing so that the Commission and the parties have a complete administrative record available for the hearing process and for consideration of a proposed decision.

The Water Boards appreciate your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (619) 521-3012 or at Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Catherine George Hagan

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On November 18, 2016, I served the:

SWRCB Request for Extension and Postponement and Notice of Extension and Postponement Request Approval California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2009-0002, 10-TC-11 County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District, Cities of Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and San Juan Capistrano, Co-Claimants

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 18, 2016 at Sacramento, California.

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