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Dear Messrs. Perdue and Smith:

Re: Report of Waste Discharge for
Whitewater Watershed Municipal
Separate Storm Sewer System
NPDES Permit No. CAS617002
Board Order No. R7-2008-0001

This letter and enclosure comprise the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for renewal of NPDES Permit No. CAS617002, Board Order No. R7-2008-0001 (2008 Permit), issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Regional Board). The 2008 Permit authorizes stormwater discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operated by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), the County of Riverside (County), Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), and the cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage (collectively referred to herein as "Permittees") in the Whitewater River Region within Riverside County. The enclosed ROWD is due to the Colorado River Regional Board on November 23, 2012; the 2008 MS4 Permit is due to expire on May 21, 2013.

Beginning in 2011 and continuing each month through 2012, the Permittees met with Colorado River Regional Board staff to review the effectiveness of the water quality management programs implemented in compliance with the 2008 Permit, obtain guidance on the preparation of the ROWD, and discuss updates to MS4 program components in a manner that is appropriate to the land use, hydrologic, geographic and water quality conditions of the Whitewater River Region. The Permittees will continue to meet with Colorado River Regional Board staff to coordinate development of the Fourth-term MS4 Permit and updates to the monitoring and reporting program.

The 2008 Permit specifies that at a minimum, the ROWD shall include:

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- Any revisions to the SWMP including, but not limited to, activities the Permittees propose to undertake during the next MS4 Permit term, goals and objectives of such activities, an evaluation of the need for additional Source Control and/or Structural BMPs, proposed pilot studies, etc.;
- Any new or revised program elements and compliance schedule(s) necessary to comply with Section D. Receiving Water Limitations and Section G. Total Maximum Daily Loads of the 2008 Permit;
- Changes in land use and/or population including map updates; and
- Significant changes to the MS4s, outfalls, detention or retention basins or dams, and other controls, including map updates of the MS4s.

In addition to addressing these requirements, the ROWD provides information regarding estimated population projections, and anticipated significant changes in land use. Information and maps of existing MS4 facilities owned and operated by the Permittees and planned additions are also included in the ROWD.

Whitewater River Region monitoring data shows that, aside from the Bacterial Indicator TMDL relating to the lower reach of the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel, Receiving Water quality has been effectively protected by the compliance programs implemented in compliance with the 2008 Permit. As the existing stormwater management program is protective of receiving waters, only minor adjustments to the compliance requirements are warranted. Proposed adjustments to the stormwater management program are described in the ROWD.

The Permittees look forward to working with Regional Board staff in the development of cost effective enhancements to the stormwater management program and revisions to the monitoring program that recognize the unique conditions in the Whitewater River Region. Please contact David Garcia (951.955.1330; dhgarcia@rcflood.org) or Scott Bruckner (951.955.0843; sebruckner@rcflood.org) of our Watershed Protection Division staff if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



JASON UHLEY
Chief of Watershed Protection Division

Enclosure: ROWD

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