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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 7, 2015

The Honorable Thomas W. Wills  
Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey  
Monterey County Courthouse, Department 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1200 Aguajito Road  
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Judge Wills:

### **CASE NO. M108858 – ORDER CERTIFYING QUESTIONS TO THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD (CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD)**

On December 8, 2014, Central Coast Water Board staff received your Order certifying questions pertinent to the litigation between Monterey Coastkeeper (Petitioner-Plaintiff) and Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Respondent-Defendant) in the County of Monterey, Superior Court. You asked:

- a) *Has the Board completed its investigation of whether Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA") activities in and around the Reclamation Ditch and Blanco Drain watersheds render MCWRA a waste discharger which must file a report of waste discharge pursuant to California Water Code section 13260 or 13264?*
- b) *If so, what is the Board's determination?*
- c) *If not, when does the Board anticipate making such determination?*

Central Coast Water Board staff has determined that MCWRA is a waste discharger and must file a report of waste discharge pursuant to California Water Code section 13260 or 13264 for its activities in and around the Reclamation Ditch and Blanco Drain watersheds. We will provide additional information directly to MCWRA regarding timing and content of a report of waste discharge.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Sheila Soderberg at 805/549-3592 ([Sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov)), Harvey Packard at 805/542-4639, or myself at 805/549-3140.

Sincerely,

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