



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region



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## DRAFT

Mr. Burt Ward  
4867 Pedley Ave.  
Norco, CA 92860

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE AND THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT

Dear Mr. Ward:

As you may be aware, local ordinances and state and federal law prohibit the discharge of materials other than storm water and authorized non-storm water to storm drains. All activities that may impact water quality discharged from storm drain system into receiving waters are required to develop and implement best management practices (BMPs) designed to reduce/eliminate migration of sediment and other pollutants to storm drains and/or receiving waters.

On February 7, 2003, Mr. Michael Roth of this office visited your residence to observe the operation of your animal rescue facility. During his visit, there did not appear to be any problem with operation of the facility that violated any applicable laws.

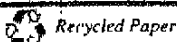
On February 25, 2003, Mr. Roth sampled the discharge from the northwest corner of your property and had the sample analyzed for total coliform and fecal coliform. We have attached a picture of the sampling event.

The results of the sample indicated a concentration equal to or greater than 160,000 most probable number per 100 milliliter (MPN/100) for both parameters. A copy of the analytical results are enclosed for your reference. The water quality objectives specified in the Basin Plan for these constituents are:

- 100 MPN/100 (MUN) total coliform
- log mean of five samples less than 200 MPN/100 fecal coliform, and not more than 10% of samples exceed 400 MPN/100 for any 30 day period (REC1)
- average less than 2,000 MPN/100 fecal coliform and not more than 10% of samples exceed 4,000 MPN/100 for any 30 day period(REC2)

MUN refers to those water bodies used for community, military, municipal or individual water supply systems, including drinking water supply. REC 1 refers to recreational activities involving body contact with water such as swimming and water skiing. REC2 refers to non-contact recreational activities such as boating, camping, and picnicking.

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The runoff from your residence discharges into the Santa Ana River. The portion of the Santa Ana River that receives the runoff from your residence is designated as REC1 and REC2.

Although insufficient samples were collected to determine whether the fecal coliform or total coliform standards are actually exceeded, the levels indicate a significant amount of waste material could be coming in contact with storm water leaving your residence. It might also mean that there is a contaminated flow coming onto your property where you have run-on.

We request that you submit a plan to address possible sources of bacteria such as animal wastes from your operations. Please provide a written report by **May 6, 2003**, to this office explaining a plan that you have developed and a schedule for implementation, including appropriate BMPs to control the discharge of pollutants in runoff from your residence.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Roth at (909) 320-2027.

Sincerely,

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Milasol C. Gaslan, Chief  
Inland Storm Water

Enclosure

Cc: Lori Askew, City of Norco, NPDES Coordinator  
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