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October 8, 2009

Mitch Peterson
Valley Club of Montecito
1901 East Valley Road
Santa Barbara, CA

Re: Romero Creek at Valley Club of Montecito

Dear Mr. Peterson,

On October 8, 2009, you met with County staff, including Willie Brummett (Environmental Health Services, Public Health) and Pete Endsley (Water Resources Div, Public Works).

This letter documents the meeting and confirms the County's expectations of the Valley Club of Montecito.

The County requires immediate removal of the loose soil and organic material (grass, turf aeration plugs, trimmed branches, etc) stockpiled adjacent to, down the bank, and within the creek channel itself. The stockpile is located in the vicinity of Hole #9.

Discharge of this material can impede flows, modify channel and bank habitat, impact instream habitat, and degrade water quality by causing eutrophication. The creek is now dry at the golf course, though flow resumes immediately downstream.

By October 22, please remove all material from the creek channel and banks, and place a silt fence or other appropriate barrier 10 feet from the top of creek to prevent material from entering the creek at any time in the future.

Also, County staff found some trash from the channel, especially in the area near the snack house, consisting of several Styrofoam cups (about 8), three Tyvek suits, and a couple plastic water bottles. Valley Club staff must make efforts to prevent or minimize trash entering the creek in the future. Suggestions include: providing additional trash receptacles for guests and staff, placing a short wind-barrier fencing along top of bank, and reminders to golfers and staff. At a minimum, landscaping

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staff should walk through the creek channel prior to rain and remove trash that may have inadvertently entered the creek.

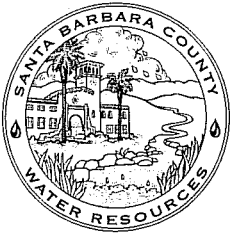
Because this property bisects Romero Creek, the Valley Club has a unique responsibility to protect the health and quality of the creek while upholding County Code which prohibits the discharge of pollutants. Failure to remediate can result in civil or administrative penalties (Chapter 29).

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please contact me at 568-3561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathleen Garnand', written in a cursive style.

Cathleen Garnand
Civil Engr. Associate



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Patrick Nesbitt
2800 Via Real
Carpinteria, CA 93013

**Re: Cleaning Ponds at 2700/2800 Via Real
APNs 005-210-036, -056**

Dear Mr. Nesbitt,

This letter notifies you of a polluted discharge to the storm drain that occurred on April 16 and 17, 2010.

The discharge was produced from the dewatering and cleaning of the ponds on your property. This released a substantial amount of solids from the sediment at the bottom of the ponds. The discharge was pumped directly into a concrete-lined channel that conveyed sediment-laden water via culvert under the roadways and railroad to the beach cliffs. Ocean discharge occurred at a point south of Summerland beach and several hundred yards north of the Loon Point parking lot path over a period of two days. See attached photos.

Discharge of pollutants into the storm drain system is prohibited under County Code Chapter 29, Article 4.

Although not as egregious a pollutant as more toxic compounds such as pesticides, petroleum hydrocarbons, etc., in large quantities these highly anaerobic organic and inorganic solids from the ponds are a pollutant and as such may not be discharged into the storm drain system.

I observed the ocean discharge and met with your ranch manager, Miguel Ramos, on April 17. I was informed that the maintenance activities were almost finished, therefore I allowed the work to be completed.

As I described to the ranch manager, future maintenance activities cannot result in such discharges to the storm drain system. Clean, clear pond water, pH neutral with no residual chemicals such as chlorine, would be acceptable. However, water containing the black muck from the pond is not acceptable.

A maintenance plan should be developed for water quality control. I would be happy to work with your ranch manager in identifying appropriate measures to prevent future illicit discharges.

I can be reached at 568-3561. For more information on protecting the County's creeks and ocean, please see www.SBProjectCleanWater.org.

Please note that if this discharge occurs again, you will be subject to administrative fines and criminal prosecution without further warning (County Code Chapter 29-59).

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathleen Garnand', written in a cursive style.

Cathleen Garnand, Civil Engineering Associate

cc: Dave Ward, Planning & Development
Mike Zimmer, Planning & Development

June 10, 2010

Diamond General Cleaning
1913 Castillo St. Apt. #7
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Mr. Rodriguez,

In response to recent complaints received concerning your operation, Project Clean Water would like to remind you of some legal and environmentally friendly operations (Best Management Practices) associated with carpet cleaning. The disposal of cleaning solutions or soapy water into gutters and storm drains contributes to the degradation of our local creeks and beaches, *even if the soaps or cleaners are labeled nontoxic or biodegradable*. Wastewater from carpet cleaning needs to be treated at a wastewater treatment plant. Local and state codes prohibit the disposal of wastewater into storm drains, gutters or streets.

Proper Disposal of Wastewater

Proper disposal of wastewater is simple if you plan ahead. Before starting a job, decide where you are going to dispose of the wastewater and get permission from the resident or local sanitary agency.

Never discharge into a driveway, street, gutter, or storm drain – Dispose of wastewater in one of the following ways:

- With the customer's consent, dump to the sanitary sewer through the lateral cleanout, sinks, toilets, washing machine drainpipes, or floor drains at the job site *
- Transport to your facility and dump in an appropriate fixture that drains to the sanitary sewer system
- Transport to a dumpsite approved by the local wastewater authority

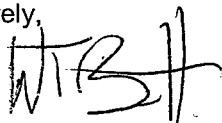
* Note: Unless you are using a disposal site with a grit trap, always strain the debris from the carpet cleaning wastewater to avoid clogging drains. Properly dispose of collected debris in a dumpster or other waste receptacle.

Other ways to protect local waterways:

- Prepare for and clean up spills: Capture spills with absorbent materials such as kitty litter or sawdust, and dispose of them properly. Never use a hose to wash a spill away.
- Fix vehicle leaks: Automotive fluids are hazardous wastes, if they leak onto the street it only takes a light rain to rinse them into local waterways and beaches.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping to restore water quality in our local creeks and beaches. For more information call Willie Brummett at 681-4944, or to report water quality problems call 1-877-OUR-OCEAN.

Sincerely,



Willie Brummett
Environmental Health Specialist
Project Clean Water