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CLEAN WATER ACTION

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11 **BEFORE THE**
12 **CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

13 IN RE: PETITION OF CLEAN WATER
14 ACTION FOR REVIEW OF ACTION BY
15 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
16 CONTROL BOARD, CENTRAL VALLEY
17 REGION ADOPTING ORDER R5-2015-0093
18 AS ITS FINAL ORDER ESTABLISHING AN
19 EXTENDED COMPLIANCE TIMELINE AND
20 ALLOWING FOR CONTINUED UNLAWFUL
21 WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

Petition for Review of California Regional Water
Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region's
Action Adopting Order R5-2015-0093.

22 Pursuant to section 13320 of the California Water Code, Clean Water Action ("Petitioner")
23 hereby petitions the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") to review the action of the
24 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board") in adopting Order No.
25 R5-2015-0093 on July 30, 2015 ("Final Order"), Exhibit 1 hereto. The Regional Board's Final Order
26 purports to address unlawful oil well wastewater discharges at the "Fee 34" and "Race Track Hill"
27 disposal facilities operated by Valley Water Management Company ("Valley Water") in the Edison
28 area of Kern County. (*See* Exh. 1 at ¶ 1.)

1 As detailed in the Regional Board’s Final Order, Valley Water operates 6 wastewater surface
2 pits, each about 10 to 15 feet deep at the Fee 34 Facility, where wastewater is first pumped in from
3 various oil extraction sites in the Edison area.¹ (*Id.* at ¶ 3.) Crude oil is skimmed from the wastewater
4 and stored in unlined pits at the Fee 34 Facility. (*Id.*) The remaining wastewater is next pumped to
5 the Race Track Hill Facility for disposal into one of 27 unlined, earth-exposed pits where the
6 polluted wastewater is simply left to evaporate and seep into the ground, and any remaining
7 wastewater is sprayed onto part of 94 acres of land around the facility. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 3, 10.) Valley
8 Water’s practice of transporting and dumping extremely toxic wastewater into exposed, unlined land
9 pits has been ongoing since about the 1950s. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 2, 10.)

10 The staff of the Regional Board has determined after painstaking and thorough investigation
11 that Valley Water’s discharges of polluted wastewater are violating applicable waste discharge
12 requirements (“WDRs”) and degrading ground and surface water. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 18-27.) Accordingly, the
13 Executive Officer of the Regional Board issued a tentative order on May 20, 2015, requiring Valley
14 Water to immediately cease and desist spraying wastewater at its Race Track Hill facility and to
15 expedite remediation measures and compliance with the Basin Plan at both facilities. (*See* Exh. 2 at
16 p. 9.) The Executive Officer issued this tentative order after already providing Valley Water with a
17 Notice of Violation (“NOV”) first on October 9, 2013, informing Valley Water that its unlawful
18 wastewater discharge practices were expelling high levels of salt, boron and chloride into the
19 environment and causing or threatening to cause pollution, contamination, or nuisance. (Exh. 1 at ¶¶
20 18, 21.) On April 10, 2015, the Regional Board issued a second NOV, citing further violations that
21 included failure to properly cover and screen wastewater ponds to prevent animal entry, among other
22 pit construction violations. (*See* Pros. Evid. Exh. 3-4 (April 10, 2015 NOVs).)

23 On July 30, 2015, the Regional Board held a public hearing regarding this tentative order.
24 After the close of public comment, the Regional Board inexplicably modified its tentative order to
25 allow Valley Water to continue its unlawful discharge of polluted wastewater until January 1, 2018.

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27 ¹ Valley Water manages and/or operates a total of about 255 active and 78 inactive wastewater
28 surface pits. Approximately 5 of Valley Water’s active wastewater surface pits lack appropriate
permits and 135 received permits prior to the adoption of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the
Tulare Lake Basin* (Basin Plan) to protect water in the region.

1 The Regional Board did not allow for public review or comment of the final order or the revised
2 compliance schedule set forth therein.

3 Because the compliance schedule set forth in the Regional Board’s Final Order is wholly
4 inadequate, based on the administrative record before the Regional Board, to prevent further
5 degradation of scarce water resources, and because the Final Order allows Valley Water to continue
6 to pollute surface and groundwater protected under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act, and, in
7 the case of surface water discharges, the federal Clean Water Act, Petitioner requests that the State
8 Board modify the Final Order to require Valley Water to (1) immediately cease all discharges of
9 polluted wastewater to surface pits and spray fields at its Fee 34 and Race Track Hill facilities; and
10 (2) expedite the implementation of measures to restore contaminated groundwater and prevent
11 further degradation of groundwater and other water sources.

12 **I. NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE**
13 **PETITIONER.**

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18 **II. REGIONAL BOARD’S ACTION BEING PETITIONED.**

19 Petitioner seeks review of the Regional Board’s Order No. R5-2015-0093 and the
20 administrative record underlying the Regional Board’s order. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and
21 correct copy of Order No. R5-2015-0093 adopted by the Regional Board on July 30, 2015.
22 Additionally, attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of Order No. R5-2015-XXXX, the
23 Regional Board’s cease and desist tentative order issued on May 20, 2015.

24 **III. THE DATE THE REGIONAL BOARD ACTED.**

25 The Regional Board adopted Order No. R5-2015-0093 on July 30, 2015.

26 **IV. FULL AND COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE REASONS THE REGIONAL**
27 **BOARD’S ACTION WAS INAPPROPRIATE OR IMPROPER.**

28 The Regional Board’s adoption of Order No. R5-2015-0093 on July 30, 2015—specifically,

1 the compliance schedule set forth therein—is inappropriate given the overwhelming evidence before
2 the Regional Board confirming that Valley Water’s unlawful wastewater disposal practices have
3 contaminated groundwater and threaten to pollute residential water supply wells and the Cottonwood
4 Creek and Kern River. (See Exh. 1 at ¶¶ 31-34.) The Regional Board’s decision to allow illegal
5 discharges to continue until January 2018 is inconsistent with federal and state law (*Clean Water*
6 *Act*, *Safe Drinking Water Act*, and *Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act*), State Board policies (*Anti-*
7 *degradation Policy (No. 68-16)* and *Sources of Drinking Water Policy (No. 88-63)*), and regulations
8 protecting groundwater sources for the reasons discussed herein. Petitioner reserves the right to file
9 supplemental briefing regarding the issues raised in this Petition.

10 **1. Regional Board Staff’s Hydrogeological Assessments Confirm that Valley**
11 **Water’s Pollution Has Contaminated Groundwater and Threatens Other**
Beneficial Water Sources.

12 Based on assessments of hydrogeological investigations involving soil and groundwater
13 sampling and analysis conducted by Valley Water, Regional Board staff concluded that groundwater
14 has been contaminated by oil well production wastewater:

15 There are wastewater constituents in the soils at the Race Track Hill Facility [... and]
16 groundwater beneath the Race Track Hill Facility has been impacted by the
17 wastewater disposed to the ponds. The [electro connectivity] of the groundwater and
18 the concentrations of boron and chloride are similar to oilfield wastewater at the Race
19 Track Hill Facility.

18 (See Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 31.) Further, the Regional Board staff found the existence of significant
19 seepage rates at the Fee 34 Facility amounting to an alarming “500 gallons per day from the North
20 Pond and approximately 200 gallons per day from the South Pond.” (See Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 31.)
21 These discharges are especially concerning given that inspections at the Fee 34 Facility confirm that
22 the wastewater seeping at this facility and being discharged into ponds contains “ EC [i.e., salt],
23 chloride, and boron values greater than the Basin Plan limits. . . .” (Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 19.)
24 Additionally, wastewater at these facilities contains known or possible carcinogens, including
25 benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and naphthalene, and testing conducted by Valley Water in response
26 to a Water Code Section 13267 Order issued by the Regional Board on April 1, 2015 revealed that in
27 one of Valley Water’s Fee 34 wastewater pits alone contained benzene levels at 2,410 times the
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1 maximum contaminant level (“MCL”) for drinking water—the Regional Board was informed of
2 Valley Water’s wastewater testing results.² (*See* Exh. 3 (Disch. Evid., Exh. 77 (July 15, 2015
3 Response to 13627 Order).)

4 Indeed, the magnitude of current impacts and the threat of further groundwater contamination
5 are substantial. The Regional Board staff’s own findings state that there are 36 groundwater wells
6 within one-mile of the Fee 34 Facility, of which six are domestic supply wells, twelve agricultural
7 supply wells, and one industrial supply well. (Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 8.) Similarly, within one-mile of the
8 Race Track Hill Facility are about six groundwater supply wells that are used as domestic,
9 agricultural and industrial supplies and “[t]he apparent direction of groundwater flow beneath the
10 Race Track Hill Facility is towards residential water supply wells”. (Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶¶ 17, 24, 33-
11 34.) Lastly, land surrounding both of these facilities is used for agricultural production, as well as
12 stock grazing. (Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 24.) Contamination of groundwater threatens the health and
13 economy of residents and businesses that depend on these sources of water.

14 Additionally, Regional Board staff concluded that Valley Water’s unlawful wastewater
15 discharges at the Race Track Hill Facility worsen water contamination and threaten other water
16 sources, not just groundwater. Regional Board staff found:

17 Based on a review of the site conditions, wastewater quality and volumes, and the
18 results of field investigations, spraying wastewater onto the ground surface and into
19 natural drainages exacerbates the pollution of the underlying groundwater and creates
20 a potential for waste constituents to drain into the Cottonwood Creek and the Kern
River.

(Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 34.)

21 Further, Regional Board staff’s findings recognized the imminent threat and the need to take
22 immediate action to halt Valley Water’s practices at the Race Track Hill Facility. Regional Board
23 staff found that due to Valley Water’s practice of spraying wastewater onto the ground surface and

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25 ² The California Council on Science and Technology has recommended that agencies should ensure
26 through testing that wastewater discharged into surface pits does not contain hazardous amounts of
27 chemicals. If the presence of hazardous concentrations of chemicals cannot be eliminated, agencies
28 should consider eliminating the practice of discharging wastewater into percolation pits. (*See* Cal.
Council on Sci. and Tech., “An Independent Scientific Assessment of Well Stimulation in
California”, Summary Report, Rec. 4.1 at p. 8 (July 2015).) In fact, some states have already banned
the use of unlined wastewater pits, including Kentucky, Texas and Ohio, because “their use has
demonstrably contaminated groundwater”. (*See id.* at p. 42.)

1 the topography of the Race Track Hill Facility, “a major storm has the potential to flush a portion of
2 the accumulated salts discharged to the spray field the past 50-60 years into Cottonwood Creek,
3 which could then be transported to the Kern River” (Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 27.) This discharge would
4 create a serious environmental disaster given that the Kern River serves as a groundwater recharge
5 and supplies water to various municipal, domestic, agricultural and industrial interests. (Exh. 1 and 2
6 at ¶ 11.)

7 **2. The Regional Board’s Adoption of a Final Order on July 30, 2015 Improperly**
8 **and Inexplicably Disregarded its Own Staff’s Findings and the May 20, 2015**
9 **Tentative Order’s Call for Immediate Action to Address Current Impacts and**
10 **Potential Threats of Valley Water’s Unlawful Wastewater Practices.**

11 Based on confirmed groundwater impacts and potential threats to other water sources, the
12 Executive Officer of the Regional Board issued a tentative cease and desist order on May 20, 2015,
13 prohibiting Valley Water from continuing to engage in unlawful wastewater discharge practices and
14 requiring the immediate creation and implementation of remediation plans necessary to comply with
15 the Tulare Basin water quality control plan. In particular, the tentative order directed Valley Water to
16 “cease all discharge other than to established impounds” by **August 15, 2015**. (Exh. 2 at p. 9, ¶ 1.)

17 Through this mandate, the Executive Officer sought to prohibit the continued spraying of
18 discharge wastewater at the Race Track Hill facility by Valley Water, given that the Regional Board
19 staff determined that this practice exacerbated pollution of underlying groundwater and posed a
20 serious threat to other water sources. (See Exh. 1 and 2 at ¶ 34.) Finally, the Executive Officer
21 required that the discharges and unlined pits at both the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility
22 comply with at least one of the General Waste Discharge Requirements by **December 31, 2016**,
23 which are anticipated to be considered by the Regional Board in the spring or summer of 2016, or
24 the wastewater discharges shall cease and Valley Water would be required to submit a Closure Plan
25 and Time Schedule to remove the residual liquid waste and implement closure of the ponds. (Exh. 2
26 at p. 11, ¶ 9.) While Petitioner would have preferred an even more expeditious compliance timeline,
27 the Executive Officer’s tentative order and its timeline made clear that Valley Water was to address
28 the underlying violations in an expedited manner.

Despite its findings confirming serious groundwater contamination and threats to other water

1 sources, as well as Valley Water’s continuing unlawful oil well production wastewater disposal
2 practices, the Regional Board inexplicably reversed course and substantially modified the May 20,
3 2015 Tentative Order. On July 30, 2015, the Regional Board adopted a considerably modified final
4 order that deviated from the May 20, 2015 tentative order without providing any written explanation
5 for the changes or an opportunity for further public comment on these changes prior to adopting the
6 July 30, 2015 order as its final order.

7 Under its adopted July 30, 2015 final order, the Regional Board no longer required that
8 Valley Water cease the spraying of discharge wastewater at the Race Track Hill Facility by August
9 15, 2015 or the closure of Valley Water’s facilities by December 31, 2016 if compliance was not
10 achieved. (See Exh. 1 and 2 at p. 9.) Instead, the July 30, 2015 Final Order prohibited the
11 discharging to surface impoundments or land at the Race Track Hill facility by **January 1, 2018**
12 unless discharges are in full compliance with waste discharge requirements issued by the Regional
13 Board. (Exh. 1 at p. 12, ¶7.) Consequently, the Regional Board’s July 30, 2015 Final Order permits
14 Valley Water to continue engaging in the spraying of discharge wastewater—which is a confirmed
15 threat to other water sources and exacerbates pollution of groundwater—and is not required to
16 achieve compliance with law until 2018.

17 **3. Regional Board Failed to Provide an Opportunity for Public Comment**
18 **Regarding Its Substantial Modifications to the Tentative Order Prior to**
Adopting a Final Order.

19 Petitioner and other members of the public were not provided with an opportunity to review
20 and comment on the substantial changes made by the Regional Board to the May 20, 2015 cease and
21 desist tentative order. Petitioner provided verbal comments during the Regional Board’s July 30,
22 2015 public hearing concerning the May 20, 2015 cease and desist tentative order. Petitioner
23 expressed support for the tentative order, but favored the immediate closure of Valley Water’s
24 wastewater disposal facilities and more aggressive action by the Regional Board to halt Valley
25 Water’s unlawful practices. However, after closing public comment, the Regional Board
26 significantly modified the compliance deadlines set forth in the tentative order and did not provide
27 an opportunity for public comment regarding the new, final deadlines.

28 The Regional Board elected to make substantial revisions to the May 20, 2015 cease and

1 desist tentative order that necessitated further opportunity for written and verbal comments by the
2 public. (*See* 23 Cal. Code Regs. § 647.3(a)-(b).) Indeed, the findings of Regional Board staff
3 regarding Valley Water’s unlawful wastewater disposal practices and their substantial impact on
4 groundwater sources demands the opportunity for full public participation. The Regional Board
5 should have allowed an opportunity for public comment prior to adopting a substantially modified
6 final order on July 30, 2015 that created a protracted compliance timeline and removed provisions
7 requiring an immediate end to all spraying of discharge wastewater at the Race Track Hill Facility.

8 **V. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PETITIONER IS AGGRIEVED.**

9 Petitioner Clean Water Action (“CWA”) is a non-profit, environmental organization
10 committed to reducing water contamination and to protecting water resources in the Central Valley.
11 CWA has actively promoted the protection of water quality throughout California before state and
12 federal agencies and the State Legislature. CWA regularly participates in administrative and judicial
13 proceedings on behalf of its members to protect, enhance, and restore declining water resources.

14 CWA members directly benefit from the waters impacted or threatened by Valley Water’s
15 unlawful wastewater discharge practices in the form of consumption of drinking water and
16 agriculture. CWA members reside in communities whose economic prosperity and health depends,
17 in part, upon the quality of water.

18 Groundwater in the Central Valley, the Kern River and the Cottonwood Creek are important,
19 critical resources particularly during a time of record drought in California. CWA members depend
20 on groundwater, which comprises up to 60% of California’s water supply in the current drought—
21 this number is even higher in Kern County. In a 2010 USGS water use report, groundwater was
22 identified as the source of 75% of public water supply and 43% of agricultural supply in Kern
23 County, whose agricultural economy generated \$6.7 billion in 2013. An additional 54,000 Kern
24 County residents rely on domestic wells, such as those found near Valley Water’s facilities, which
25 are not regulated for water quality.

26 Lastly, CWA members are concerned that the Regional Board’s action threatens dwindling
27 groundwater resources. Kern County’s groundwater basin has been declared in a state of critical
28 overdraft in the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118-2003. The condition of already

1 strained California groundwater resources has led to legislation to protect and monitor groundwater,
2 making the preservation of groundwater resources a priority in California.

3 **VI. REQUESTED STATE BOARD ACTION.**

4 Petitioner requests that the State Board modify Regional Board's Final Order to require
5 Valley Water to (1) immediately cease all discharges of polluted wastewater to surface pits and
6 spray fields at its Fee 34 and Race Track Hill facilities; and (2) expedite the implementation of
7 measures to restore contaminated groundwater and prevent further degradation of groundwater and
8 other water sources.

9 **VII. STATEMENT OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES.**

10 Petitioner's arguments and points of authority are thoroughly and adequately established
11 above. (*See supra* at section IV.) Petitioner further reserves the right to submit supplemental briefing
12 on arguments made and on issues raised by this Petition. Lastly, Petitioner will gladly respond to any
13 additional questions the State Board may have regarding the issues in this Petition.

14 **VIII. STATEMENT OF COPIES SENT TO THE REGIONAL BOARD AND VALLEY
15 WATER (i.e. DISCHARGER).**

16 Copies of this Petition and related attachments are being sent to the Regional Board and
17 Valley Water at the following addresses:

18 California Regional Water Quality Control Board
19 Central Valley Region
1685 E Street, Suite 200
20 Fresno, CA 93706

21 Valley Water Management Company
7500 Meany Ave.
22 Bakersfield, CA 93308

23 **IX. EXPLANATION OF WHY ISSUES COULD NOT BE RAISED BEFORE THE
24 REGIONAL BOARD.**

25 Petitioner did not have an opportunity to present written or verbal comments to the Regional
26 Board regarding the extensive modifications to the Regional Board's May 20, 2015 tentative order.
27 The Regional Board did not provide an opportunity for public comment about its proposed changes
28 prior to adopting Order No. R5-2015-0093 as its final order.

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Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT 1

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2015-0093

FOR
VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY AND
FEE 34 FACILITY, EDISON
KERN COUNTY

WATER CODE SECTION 13301 ORDER
TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 58-349 AND
ORDERS 92-110 AND 92-11037

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter referred to as "Central Valley Water Board" or "Board") finds that:

1. Valley Water Management Company (hereinafter referred to as Valley Water), owns and operates two oil well production wastewater disposal facilities under the names of "Fee 34 Facility" and "Race Track Hill Facility" in the Edison area of Kern County. Each facility has been issued an individual order for operation. However, since the two facilities are parts of a single wastewater processing and disposal operation, they are jointly addressed in this order as a single wastewater processing facility.

FEE 34 FACILITY

2. The Fee 34 Facility (also known as the C-Plant Facility) is on 3.4 acres (Assessor's Parcel Number 388-050-254) in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 34, T29S, R29E, MDB&M. The Fee 34 Facility is approximately one mile northeast of the community of Edison in the Edison Oil Field (see Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order). Discovered in 1928, the Edison Oil Field as of 2008 had a cumulative production of over 150 million barrels of oil, over 5.5 million barrels in reserve, 932 producing wells, and was ranked 38th among California's largest and most productive oil fields by total ultimate recovery.¹ In the year 2013, the Edison Oil Field produced 790,130 barrels of oil and 12,107,770 barrels of water.²
3. The Fee 34 Facility contains six surface impoundments (Attachment B). Wastewater is transported to the facility by pipeline from various small, independent oil company leases throughout the Edison Oil Field. Crude oil skimmed from the produced waters flows into two netted, unlined oil recovery impoundments until shipped offsite. The wastewater flows through three gunite-lined

¹ "2009 Report of the State Oil & Gas Supervisor," Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), California Department of Conservation, 2009, accessible at ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/annual_reports/2009/PR06_Annual_2009.pdf at p. 65.

² "2013 Report of the State Oil & Gas Supervisor," Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), California Department of Conservation, 2013, accessible at ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/annual_reports/2013/PR03_PreAnnual_2013.pdf at p. 9.

impoundments equipped with skimmers and is then pumped via pipeline to Valley Water's Race Track Hill Facility for disposal. There is one unlined contingency impoundment for temporary storage of excess wastewater in the instance of power failure or other emergency event. Dimensions of the impoundments range from approximately 30 feet (ft.) x 50 ft. to 120 ft. x 180 ft., and are approximately 10 ft. to 15 ft. deep. An aerial photograph of the Fee 34 Facility is attached hereto as Attachment B and made part of this Order.

4. The Fee 34 Facility is regulated by Central Valley Water Board Order Nos. 92-110 and 92-11037. Order 92-110 sets forth general WDRs for the discharge of oil field produced wastewaters from Edison Oil Field operations, including the Fee 34 Facility. Order 92-11037 is the Notice of Applicability of the general WDRs to the Fee 34 Facility, and includes a chemical analysis of the wastewater with the following characteristics: 7,900 micromhos per centimeter ($\mu\text{mhos/cm}$) electrical conductivity (EC), 4,450 milligrams/liter (mg/l) chloride, and 15.6 mg/l boron.
5. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition* (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for all waters of the Basin.
6. Surface drainage is toward the East Side Canal in the Arvin-Wheeler Ridge Hydrologic Area (557.30) of the Tulare Lake Basin. Surface waters in the Arvin-Wheeler Ridge Hydrologic Area are designated as Valley Floor Waters. The designated beneficial uses of Valley Floor Waters, as specified in the Basin Plan, are agricultural supply; industrial service and process supply; water contact and non-contact water recreation; warm fresh water habitat; wildlife habitat; preservation of rare, threatened, and endangered species; and groundwater recharge.
7. The Fee 34 Facility is in the Kern County Basin Hydrologic Unit, Detailed Analysis Unit (DAU) 258. The designated beneficial uses of the groundwater, as specified in the Basin Plan for DAU 258, are municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural supply, industrial service, and process supply.
8. Information obtained from the California Department of Water Resources identified 36 groundwater supply wells within about one-mile of the Fee 34 Facility. The groundwater is primarily used for agricultural supply. Driller's reports for 19 of the wells identify six domestic supply wells, twelve agricultural supply wells, and one industrial supply well.

RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY

9. The Race Track Hill Facility is located on 338.4 acres in the western half of Section 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M. The Facility is about fifteen miles east of Bakersfield in Kern County on Assessor's Parcel Number 387-060-031(see Attachment C).
10. The Race Track Hill Facility contains 27 unlined surface impoundments and approximately 94 acres of land, a portion of which is used for surface sprinkler disposal. Wastewater discharge began 56 ½ years ago, in approximately December of 1958. Wastewater is transported to the Facility by pipeline from Valley Water's Fee 34 Facility, which is about four miles to the southwest in the Edison Oil Field. The wastewater is discharged to the impoundments for percolation and evaporation. Excess wastewater that does not percolate or evaporate is sprayed onto portions of the 94 acres for disposal.

11. The Race Track Hill Facility is in an area of rolling topography and a portion of the site drains toward Cottonwood Creek, about one-half mile northeast of the Facility. Cottonwood Creek is tributary to the Kern River. The designated beneficial uses of the Kern River below the southern California Edison Kern River Powerhouse Number One, as specified in the Basin Plan, are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, hydropower generation, water contact and non-contact recreation, warm fresh water habitat, wildlife habitat, preservation of rare, threatened and endangered species, and groundwater recharge.
12. The Race Track Hill Facility is in the Kern County Basin Hydrologic Unit, DAU 257. The designated beneficial uses of the groundwater for DAU 257, as specified in the Basin Plan, are municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, and water contact recreation.
13. The Race Track Hill Facility is underlain by unconsolidated sediments of the Kern River-Chanac Series. The consolidated sediments of the Santa Margarita Formation underlie the Kern River-Chanac Series. The top of the Santa Margarita Formation and the overlying sediments dip to the southwest at an angle of approximately five degrees.
14. The Race Track Hill Facility's WDRs, Resolution No. 58-349, was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on September 18, 1958, and set forth requirements for the discharge of oil field produced wastewater at the Facility.
15. The WDRs allow the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to the ground surface, into natural drainage channels, and into surface impoundments in Section 24, T298, R29E, MDB&M. The WDRs also allow the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to the ground surface, into natural drainage channels, or into unlined surface impoundments other than those constructed in Section 24, provided the wastewater conforms to the following criteria:
 - a. Total dissolved solids shall not exceed 1,000 parts per million.
 - b. Chlorides shall not exceed 150 parts per million.
 - c. Boron shall not exceed 1.0 part per million.
16. The WDRs predate the Basin Plan and do not contain the limitations on the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to surface impoundments within Section 24 that are contained in the Basin Plan.
17. Although Resolution 58-349 found "no freshwater producing wells in this vicinity" in 1958, more recent information obtained from the California Department of Water Resources identified six groundwater supply wells within one-mile of the Facility. Groundwater from these wells may have been used for domestic water supply, agriculture supply, and industrial service supply. The current status of these wells is not clear and some may have been destroyed.

WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

18. Discharge of Waste to Land: This information is based upon the 27 November 2012 and 18 September 2013 Central Valley Water Board inspections of the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility, and based upon Valley Water’s wastewater analysis lab report dated 23 July 2013 for the Fee 34 Facility regarding concentrations of EC in µmhos/cm, chloride in mg/l, and boron in mg/l. The Basin Plan and Order 92-110 for Edison Oil Field Operators, and Resolution 58-349 set forth the following waste constituent limitations for the discharge of oil field wastewater:

	<u>Units:</u>	<u>Basin Plan & Order 92-110 Limitation Value:</u>	<u>Res. 58-349 Limitation Value:</u>
<u>Specific EC:</u>	µmhos/cm	1,000	None
<u>Total Dissolved Solids:</u>	mg/l (ppm)	NA	1,000 (outside Section 24)
<u>Chloride:</u>	mg/l	200	150 (outside Section 24)
<u>Boron:</u>	mg/l	1	1 (outside Section 24)

The Basin Plan allows discharges of oil field wastewater that exceed the above maximum salinity limits to unlined sumps, stream channels, or surface waters if the Discharger successfully demonstrates to the Central Valley Water Board in a public hearing that the proposed discharge will not substantially affect water quality nor cause a violation of water quality objectives.

The 23 July 2013 wastewater analytical results at Fee 34 Facility were measured at the following values and are compared to 1992 levels and the Basin Plan limits:

	<u>Units:</u>	<u>1992 Value</u>	<u>2013 Value:</u>	<u>Basin Plan Limits:</u>
<u>Specific EC:</u>	µmhos/cm	7,900	5,700	1,000
<u>Chloride:</u>	mg/l	4,450	1,800	200
<u>Boron:</u>	mg/l	15.6	14	1

19. The Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility were also inspected on 27 March 2015. Violations of the WDRs for both facilities were noted during the inspections. At the Fee 34 Facility, wastewater with EC, chloride, and boron values greater than the Basin Plan limits was being discharged to the ponds in violation of Discharge Specification B.1 of the WDRs. Also, the ponds at the Fee 34 Facility had insufficient freeboard in violation of Discharge Specification B.6 of the WDRs and were not adequately netted or covered to preclude access by wildlife to wastewater with oil coatings in violation of Discharge Specification B.4 of the WDRs. The inspection report noted that the Race Track Hill Facility had insufficient freeboard on two ponds and insufficient netting on three ponds.
20. On 24 May 1996, Valley Waste Disposal Company, the predecessor of Valley Water, submitted the report *Drilling and Data Acquisition Report, Race Track Hill District, Edison Oil Field, Kern County, California*. The report was submitted pursuant to Discharge Specification B.2.c. of Order 92-110. The report and transmittal letter stated that the Fee 34 Facility “... does not pose a threat to ground water quality and that no further action should be required for continued operation of the site.” The transmittal letter also requested a hearing if necessary to demonstrate that the facility does not pose a threat to groundwater quality. There is no record of a response nor an evaluation of the report in the site files, and a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board was not held. Current

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the report and transmittal letter and found it inadequate to demonstrate that there have been no impacts, or that there is no threat, to groundwater.

21. On 9 October 2013, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Valley Water (see Attachment D, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order) for violations of the Discharge Specifications of Order 92-110 at the Fee 34 Facility. The NOV allegations included discharging wastewater in excess of the numerical limitations specified in Discharge Specification B.1 (see Finding No. 18), which is causing, or is threatening to cause a condition of pollution,³ contamination or nuisance⁴; and failure to maintain the minimum freeboard of two feet in two of the impoundments as specified in Discharge Specification B.6, which is causing, or is threatening to cause, a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance caused by overtopping the impoundments. Valley Water submitted a response to the NOV on 8 November 2013 addressing each allegation.
22. Section 13301 of the Water Code provides in relevant part that:

When a regional board finds that a discharge of waste is taking place, or threatening to take place, in violation of requirements of discharge prohibitions prescribed by the regional board or the state board, the board may issue an order to cease and desist and direct that those persons not complying with the requirements or discharge prohibitions (a) comply forthwith, (b) comply in accordance with a time schedule set by the board, or (c) in the event of a threatened violation, take appropriate remedial or preventive action. Cease and desist orders may be issued direct by a board, after notice and hearing.
23. The discharge of waste with high salinity and boron concentrations and other oil field wastewater constituents to the ground, surface water, and/or groundwater creates, or threatens to create, a condition of pollution in surface and groundwater, and may result in the degradation of water quality.
24. Land around the Fee 34 Facility is being used for agricultural production, primarily citrus and grapes. Land around the Race Track Hill Facility is also used for agricultural production including open stock grazing, a five-acre vineyard located approximately 3,000 feet southwest of the facility, and other crops grown in the area beginning about one mile south of the facility.
25. Many of the crops are irrigated with groundwater from local supply wells. Irrigation water with a chloride concentration above 350 mg/l can cause severe crop problems. Boron toxicity can impair

³ "Pollution" is defined by Water Code section 13050, subdivision (l)(1) as, an alteration of the quality of the waters of the state by waste to a degree which unreasonably affects either of the following: (A) The waters for beneficial uses; (B) Facilities which serve these beneficial uses." Water Code §13050(l).

⁴ "Nuisance" means anything which meets all of the following requirements: (1) Is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. (2) Affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. (3) Occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes." Water Code §13050(m).

crops sensitive to boron at concentrations less than 1 mg/l in irrigation water.⁵

26. Underlying groundwater may be degraded if mixed with oil field wastewater. Elevated EC, chloride, and boron levels could impair groundwater for municipal and domestic supply and agricultural supply uses.
27. Due to the topographic relief at the Race Track Hill Facility and the relatively close proximity (one-half mile) to Cottonwood Creek, a major storm has the potential to flush a portion of the accumulated salts discharged to the spray field the past 50-60 years into Cottonwood Creek, which could then be transported to the Kern River 2.5 miles downstream. This has the potential to result in a temporary salt and boron loading of water in the Kern River, and to increase salt and boron loading to groundwaters at the terminus of Kern River flow where groundwater is recharged. Operation of the spray field would require a permit under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, but the disposal operation currently would not meet the requirements for discharge to a surface water.

HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

28. On 1 July 2014, the Central Valley Water Board issued an Order pursuant to Section 13267 of the California Water Code to Valley Water requiring preparation and submission of work plans for hydrogeologic site characterizations for each facility and technical reports presenting their findings. The Discharger petitioned this Order to the State Water Resources Control Board.
29. Valley Water agreed to assess the impacts of wastewater discharges at the Racetrack and Fee 34 facilities. To date, the approach has been to conduct the work in phases with preparation of a work plan containing a specific scope of work, implementation of the work, followed by reporting. Based on the results of each phase, additional work is proposed.
30. As of 1 May 2015, two phases of field work have been completed, including:
 - Soil borings at both Facilities;
 - Soil sampling and analysis;
 - Shallow and deep monitoring well installations at both facilities;
 - Groundwater sampling and analysis; and
 - Leak-testing the lined ponds at the Fee 34 Facility.

⁵ Ayers, R. S., and D. W. Westcott. "FAO 1985. Water Quality for Agriculture." *Irrigation and Drainage Paper* 29.

31. As of 1 May 2015, the results of the Phase 1 field work and parts of the Phase 2 field work have been formally reported. The conclusions include:
- There are wastewater constituents in the soils at the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - Groundwater occurs at depths ranging from 48 to 80 feet below ground surface at the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - There is groundwater mounding beneath the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - Groundwater beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility flows to the southwest;
 - Groundwater beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility has been impacted by the wastewater disposed to the ponds. The EC of the groundwater and the concentrations of boron and chloride are similar to oil field wastewater at the Race Track Hill Facility; and
 - The seepage rates of the North Pond and the South Pond at the Fee 34 Facility are 4.4 millimeters per day and 1.8 millimeters per day, respectively. Those rates translate to approximately 500 gallons per day from the North Pond and approximately 200 gallons per day from the South Pond.
32. The investigations conducted by Valley Water have determined the discharge of wastewater in excess of Basin Plan limitations and water quality objectives has caused a condition of pollution to groundwater at the Racetrack Hill Facility. Additional assessment is needed to determine the nature and extent of the wastewater constituents in groundwater.
33. The apparent direction of groundwater flow beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility is towards residential water supply wells immediately to the southwest and towards Edison and Bakersfield, five to ten miles to the southwest.
34. Based on a review of the site conditions, wastewater quality and volumes, and the results of the field investigations, spraying wastewater onto the ground surface and into natural drainages exacerbates the pollution of the underlying groundwater and creates a potential for waste constituents to drain into Cottonwood Creek and the Kern River.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

35. If the Fee 34 Facility has resulted in impacts to beneficial uses of the underlying groundwater, this Order requires the Discharger to submit a Report of Waste Discharge to obtain new WDRs for the operation of the Fee 34 Facility by 1 September 2016. This Order also requires that the Discharger submit a Report of Waste Discharge for the Race Track Hill Facility by 1 September 2016. It is anticipated that General Waste Discharge Requirements for the operation of oil field wastewater ponds would be proposed for consideration by the Central Valley Water Board in the spring or summer of 2016. If the discharges from the Fee 34 Facility or Race Track Hill Facility are eligible for coverage under the anticipated General Order, and if this General Order is in effect by 1 September 2016, the Discharger may choose coverage under the General Order rather than the submittal of individual reports of waste discharge for the two facilities.

36. The deadlines set forth herein are reasonable given the need to investigate the potential threat to groundwater and surface water quality.
37. In accordance with Water Code section 13267(b) these findings provide Valley Water with a written explanation with regard to the need for remedial action and reports, and identify the evidence that supports the requirement to implement investigative activities, to implement cease and desist activities if needed, and to submit the reports. Valley Water owns and operates the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility which are subject to this Cease and Desist Order. The technical and monitoring reports required by this Order are necessary to determine compliance with this Cease and Desist Order. The actions and reports required by this Order are needed to provide information to provide information to the Central Valley Water Board regarding (a) the nature and extent of the discharge, (b) the nature and extent of pollution in waters of the State and/or U.S. created by the discharge, (c) the threat to public health posed by the discharge; and (d) appropriate cease and desist measures. Based on the nature and possible consequences of the discharges, including the contamination of surface water or groundwater, or impacts to groundwater recharge areas, the burden of the required tasks, including the costs, bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the tasks and reports, and the benefits to be obtained from the tasks and information.
38. Issuance of this Cease and Desist Order is being taken for the protection of the environment and as such is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15061(b)(3), 15306, 15307, 15308, and 15321. This Cease and Desist Order generally requires Valley Water to submit plans for approval prior to implementation of cleanup activities at the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility. Mere submission of plans is exempt from CEQA as submission will not cause a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and/or is an activity that cannot possibly have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA review at this time would be premature and speculative, as there is simply not enough information concerning Valley Water's proposed remedial activities and possible associated environmental impacts.
39. If the Regional Board determines that implementation of any plan required by this Cease and Desist Order will have a significant effect on the environment, the Regional Board will conduct the necessary and appropriate environmental review prior to the Assistant Executive Officer's approval of the applicable plan. The Discharger will bear the costs, including the Regional Board's costs, of determining whether implementation of any plan required by this Cease and Desist Order will have a significant effect on the environment and, if so, in preparing, handling, and providing any documents necessary for environmental review. If necessary, the Discharger and a consultant acceptable to the Regional Board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Regional Board regarding such costs prior to undertaking any environmental review.

As a result of the events and activities described in this Order, the Central Valley Water Board finds that a discharge of waste in violation of the Basin Plan has polluted groundwater. This Order requires Valley Water to take appropriate remedial action and to comply in accordance with the time schedule set forth below.

40. This Cease and Desist Order is based upon: 1) Chapter 5, Enforcement and Implementation commencing with section 13300, of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code Division 7, commencing with section 13000); 2) Water Code

section 13267, Investigations; inspections, Chapter 4, Regional Water Quality Control; 3) all applicable provisions of the Basin Plan including beneficial uses, water quality objectives, and implementation plans; 4) California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 68-16 (*Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California*); 5) State Water Board Resolution No. 92-49 (*Policies and Procedures for Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Discharges Under Water Code section 13304*); and 6) all other applicable legal authority.

41. Water Code section 13267 subdivision (b)(1) states, in relevant part:

In conducting an investigation specified in subdivision (a), the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region ... shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the regional board requires. The burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.

42. On 30/31 July 2015, in Rancho Cordova, California, after due notice to the Discharger and all other affected persons, the Central Valley Water Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received to consider an Order under Water Code section 13301 to establish a time schedule to achieve compliance with the Basin Plan or cease discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Water Code sections 13301 and 13267, Valley Water Management Company shall implement the following measures necessary to comply with the requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin* and Orders issued by the Board.

Fee 34 Facility

1. **By 1 October 2015**, Valley Water Management Company shall submit a ***Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility***. This work plan shall describe a time schedule under which Valley Water Management Company will conduct the following activities, including the time frame for completing each activity:
 - a. Conduct a hydrogeological site characterization to determine nature and extent of the release of waste constituents to the unsaturated zone and the groundwater underlying the Fee 34 Facility;
 - b. Prepare and submit a Water Quality Protection Standard Report proposing statistical data analysis methods to calculate concentration limits for each Constituent of Concern specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2015-0093;
 - c. Identify and sample water supply wells located within one-mile of the Fee 34 Facility and analyze the samples for waste constituents of concern; and

- d. Analyze groundwater, surface water, and soil samples at a California certified laboratory in accordance with the SAP submitted as part of the Phase I Work Plan (see Finding No. 28) and approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate).

Valley Water Management Company shall implement the *Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility* immediately upon the Assistant Executive Officer's approval of the workplan. All timelines indicated in the workplan, as approved, are fully enforceable under this Order.

2. If the investigation conducted pursuant to the *Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility* indicates that a release of waste constituents has impacted the unsaturated zone or the groundwater underlying the Fee 34 Facility such that the beneficial uses of the underlying groundwater or surface waters are threatened, then Valley Water Management Company shall submit a ***Phase 4 Remediation Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility***. This work plan shall describe a time schedule under which Valley Water Management Company will conduct the following activities, including the time frame for completing each activity:
 - a. Conduct a hydrogeological site characterization to determine the nature and extent of any release of waste constituents consistent with the evaluation monitoring program requirements contained in California Code of Regulations, Title 27, section 20005 et seq. (Title 27);
 - b. Following the characterization of the nature and extent of the release, a groundwater, surface water, and/or soil remediation program consistent with the corrective action program requirements contained in Title 27 (this will entail the preparation of an engineering feasibility study followed by a proposed corrective action program); and
 - c. Based on the information acquired during the hydrogeological site characterization, submit a revised report of waste discharge that will ensure that discharges at the Fee 34 Facility will be in compliance with the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin*.

Valley Water Management Company shall implement the *Phase 4 Remediation Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility* immediately upon the Assistant Executive Officer's approval of the workplan. All timelines indicated in the workplan, as approved, are fully enforceable under this Order. In no event shall the report of waste discharge required under 2.c., above be submitted after

1 September 2016.

Race Track Hill Facility

3. **By 1 October 2015**, Valley Water Management Company shall submit a ***Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Race Track Hill Facility***. This work plan shall describe a time schedule under which Valley Water Management Company will conduct the following activities, including the time frame for completing each activity:
 - a. Continue a hydrogeological site characterization to determine the nature and extent of the release of waste constituents consistent with the evaluation monitoring program requirements contained in Title 27;
 - b. Prepare and submit a Water Quality Protection Standard Report proposing statistical data analysis methods to calculate concentration limits for each Constituent of Concern specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2015-0093.
 - c. Identify and sample water supply wells located within one-mile of the Race Track Hill Facility and analyze the samples for waste constituents of concern;

- d. Provide an assessment of the potential water quality impacts to groundwater and surface water from operation of the sprayfields. This assessment shall look at the buildup of salts on the soil surface and in the soil column, shall evaluate the capacity of the soils beneath the sprayfield and the plants grown in the sprayfield to attenuate the salt, and shall evaluate the extent to which stormwater runoff from the sprayfields may mobilize salts and transport them to surface waters; and
- e. Analyze groundwater, surface water, and soil samples at a California certified laboratory in accordance with the SAP submitted as part of the Phase I Work Plan (see Finding No. 28) and approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate).

Valley Water Management Company shall implement the *Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Race Track Hill Facility* immediately upon the Assistant Executive Officer's approval of the workplan. All timelines indicated in the workplan, as approved, are fully enforceable under this Order.

4. **By 1 October 2015**, Valley Water Management Company shall submit a ***Race Track Hill Water Balance Report*** that contains a water balance for the Race Track Hill facility. The *Race Track Hill Water Balance Report* must provide calculations showing:
 - a. The storage capacity and surface areas of the surface impoundments and sprayfield, including the topography of the sprayfields;
 - b. The volume of water applied each month to the surface impoundments;
 - c. The calculated leakage to the subsurface per month from the surface impoundments;
 - d. The monthly evaporation loss from the surface impoundments;
 - e. The monthly rainfall falling at the facility;
 - f. The monthly volume of water applied to the sprayfields;
 - g. The monthly volume of water returned to the ponds from collection of stormwater runoff from the sprayfield areas; and
 - h. The monthly evapotranspiration from the sprayfields.

The *Race Track Hill Water Balance Report* should include actual or estimated monthly volumes of water discharged to the Rack Track Hill facility for the period from 1 January 2010 through 31 December 2014, the average annual discharge for each of these years, as well as the average monthly discharges for each month in a typical calendar year.

5. **By 1 April 2016**, Valley Water Management Company shall submit a ***Surface Water Quality Protection Report***. This report shall:
 - a. Describe the current runoff control features and BMPs for the sprayfields at the Rack Track Hill facility,
 - b. Explain how operation and maintenance of the sprayfields runoff control features and BMPs will ensure that there is no discharge of stormwater from the sprayfields to surface waters.
 - c. If current runoff control features and BMPs for the sprayfields at the Rack Track Hill facility shows that there is insufficient capacity to capture and store the stormwater runoff from the sprayfields, then the *Surface Water Quality Protection Report* shall describe a time schedule under which Valley Water Management Company will add runoff controls and/or BMPs to

ensure full capture of all stormwater runoff from the sprayfields and impoundments at the Race Track Hill facility by 1 October 2016.

By 1 October 2016, Valley Water Management Company shall fully implement all runoff control features and BMPs described or proposed in the in the *Surface Water Quality Protection Report*.

6. **By 1 September 2016**, Valley Water Management Company shall:

- a. Submit a complete **Report of Waste Discharge**⁶ based on the information acquired during the hydrogeological site characterization that will ensure that future discharges at the Race Track Hill Facility will be in compliance with the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin*. The Report of Waste Discharge may propose a reasonable time schedule to come into compliance with applicable requirements of the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin*. Delays in acquiring authorization from the Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources to conduct underground injection activities shall not be used as an excuse to delay this submittal.
- b. Submit a **Closure Plan and Closure Time Schedule** for the wind-down and closure of any portions of the Race Track Hill Facility that Valley Water Management Company determines are no longer to be used. The Closure Plan and Time Schedule shall specify the dates by which Valley Water Management Company will remove the residual liquid waste and close the ponds in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.
- c. Submit a **Race Track Hill Remediation Workplan** based on the *Phase 3 Investigation Work Plan for the Race Track Hill Facility* that shall either
 - i. Describe a time schedule under which Valley Water Management Company will conduct groundwater, surface water, and/or soil remediation consistent with the corrective action program requirements of Title 27. This will entail the preparation of an engineering feasibility study followed by a proposed corrective action program; or
 - ii. Specify a suite of groundwater, surface water, and/or soil management practices that Valley Water Management Company will implement to minimize or prevent any additional water quality degradation that may occur due to current and historic waste management practices at the Race Track Hill Facility. Concurrently, Valley Water Management Company would propose studies and/or technical reports in support of an amendment that would incorporate site specific objectives, groundwater management zones, or other alternate compliance strategies for the Race Track Hill Facility into *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin* (such proposals would need to be coordinated with the CV-SALTS stakeholder initiative). However, if such proposals cannot ensure the protection of beneficial uses in the vicinity of the Race Track Hill Facility or are otherwise infeasible, the Central Valley Water Board or its delegee may reject the proposal and require Valley Water Management Company to comply with the remediation requirements of 6.c.i, above.

7. **On 1 January 2018**, Valley Water is prohibited from discharging to surface impoundments or land at the Race Track Hill facility unless those discharges are in full compliance with waste discharge requirements issued by the Central Valley Water Board. Waste discharge requirements issued by

⁶ If the discharges at the facility may be regulated under a General Order, Valley Water Management Company may elect to submit a Notice of Intent to obtain coverage under that General Order in lieu of submitting an individual Report of Waste Discharge.

the Central Valley Water Board may include an enforceable time schedule, should additional time be necessary to complete actions pursuant to section 6.c.ii, above.

Annual Reporting

Beginning **1 November 2015**, or a date approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate), and quarterly thereafter until all activities described in this Order are complete, Valley Water Management Company shall submit technical reports that provide information to document the activities completed to date. Corrective actions shall be proposed and included in these technical reports when Work Plan activities fail to satisfy any interim or final success criteria

Other Requirements

8. **Electronic and Paper Media Reporting Requirements.** Valley Water shall submit both electronic and paper copies of all reports required under this Cease and Desist Order including work plans, technical reports, and monitoring reports. Larger documents shall be divided into separate files at logical places in the report to keep file sizes under 150 megabytes. Valley Water shall continue to provide a paper transmittal letter, a paper copy of all figures larger than 8.5 inches by 14 inches (legal size), and an electronic copy (on Compact Disc [CD] or other appropriate media) of all reports to the Central Valley Water Board. All paper correspondence and documents submitted to the Central Valley Water Board shall include the following identification numbers in the header or subject line: Fee 34 Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005197; and Race Track Hill Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005199. Valley Water shall comply with the following reporting requirements for all reports and plans (and amendments thereto) required by this Order:
- (a) Reports and Plans Required by this Order. Valley Water shall submit one paper and one electronic, searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) copy of all technical reports, monitoring reports, progress reports, and plans required by this Order. The PDF copy of all the reports shall also be uploaded into the Geotracker database, as required by Reporting Requirement 2.(b)(iv) below.
 - (b) Electronic Data Submittals to the Central Valley Water Board in compliance with the Cease and Desist Order are required to be submitted electronically via the Internet into the Geotracker database (Fee 34 Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005197; and Race Track Hill Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005199). The electronic data shall be uploaded on or prior to the regulatory due dates set forth in the Cease and Desist Order or addenda thereto. To comply with these requirements, Valley Water shall upload to the Geotracker database the following minimum information:
 - (1) Laboratory Analytical Data: Analytical data (including geochemical data) for all waste, soil, and water samples shall be submitted in Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF), which facilitates the transfer of data from the laboratory to the end user. Waste, soil, and water include analytical results of samples collected from the following locations and devices: surface samples, equipment, monitoring wells, boreholes, gas and vapor wells or other collection devices, surface water, groundwater, piezometers, and stockpiles.
 - (2) Locational Data: All permanent monitoring locations (monitoring wells, sediment sampling locations, surface water sampling locations, etc.) shall be surveyed with latitude and

longitude coordinates in a decimal degree format based on the North American Datum 1983 ellipsoid, and accurate to within one meter (3 feet) and elevation data accurate to 0.01 feet.

- (3) Site Maps: Site maps which display discharge locations, streets bordering the Facilities, and sampling locations for all waste, soil, and water samples. A site map is a stand-alone document that may be submitted in various electronic formats. Site maps must also be uploaded to show the maximum extent of any soil impact and water pollution. An update to the site maps may be uploaded at any time.
 - (4) Electronic Report: A complete copy (in character searchable PDF) of all work plans, work plan modifications, assessment, cleanup, and monitoring reports including the signed transmittal letters, professional certifications, and all data presented in the reports.
9. **Duty to Use Qualified Professionals.** As required by the California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, all reports shall be prepared by, or under the supervision of, a California Registered Engineer or Professional Geologist and signed by the registered professional. Each technical report submitted by Valley Water shall contain the professional's signature and/or stamp of the seal.
10. **Signatory Requirements.** All reports required under this Cease and Desist Order shall be signed and certified by Valley Water or by a duly authorized representative and submitted to the Central Valley Water Board. A person is a duly authorized representative only if: 1) The authorization is made in writing by Valley Water; and 2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity. (A duly authorized representative may be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.)
11. With each report required by this Cease and Desist Order, Valley Water shall provide under penalty of perjury under the laws of California a "Certification" statement to the Central Valley Water Board. The "Certification" shall include the following signed statement:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. Pursuant to Water Code section 13350, any person who violates a cease and desist order may be liable administratively or civilly in an amount up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each day in which the cease and desist order is violated.

12. All monitoring and technical reports required under this Cease and Desist Order shall be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
1685 E Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93706
Attn: Ron Holcomb
Geotracker Site ID No.: T10000005197 or T10000005199

If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement or may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability.

Failure to comply with this Order, Order 92-110, Order 92-11037, or Resolution 58-349 may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to the Water Code, including sections 13268, 13350 and 13385. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050, et seq. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality

or will be provided upon request.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 30 July 2015.

Original signed by:

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

30 July 2015

(Date)

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM R5-2015-0093

FOR
VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY AND
FEE 34 FACILITY, EDISON
KERN COUNTY

Compliance with this Monitoring and Reporting Program is required pursuant to Water Code section 13267 as ordered by Cease and Desist Order R5-2015-0093 (the "CDO"). Failure to comply with this program constitutes noncompliance with the CDO and the Water Code, which can result in the imposition of civil liability. All sampling and analyses shall be by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approved methods. The test methods chosen for detection of the constituents of concern shall be subject to review and concurrence by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region ("Central Valley Water Board").

A complete list of substances tested for and reported on by the testing laboratory shall be provided to the Central Valley Water Board. All chromatographic peaks must be reported. In addition, both the method detection limit and the practical quantification limit shall be reported. Detection limits shall equal or be more precise than USEPA methodologies. Water samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 CFR Part 136. All quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) samples must be run on the same dates when samples were actually analyzed. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy of the completed chain of custody form shall be submitted with the report. All analyses must be performed by a California Department of Public Health certified laboratory.

The Discharger shall maintain all sampling and analytical results: date, exact place, and time of sampling; dates analyses were performed; analyst's name; analytical techniques used; and results of all analyses. Such records shall be retained for a minimum of three years. This period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge, or when requested by the Central Valley Water Board.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING

The Discharger shall operate and maintain a groundwater monitoring system at the Fee 34 Facility and at the Race Track Hill Facility that complies with the requirements of the CDO and is consistent with the detection monitoring requirements of section 20420 of California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 20005 et seq. (Title 27). The monitoring system shall be certified by a California-licensed professional civil engineer or geologist as being consistent with the detection monitoring requirements of Title 27. The Discharger shall revise the groundwater monitoring system (after review and approval by Central Valley Water Board staff) as needed to characterize the groundwater and to delineate the nature and extent of any release of waste constituents due to the operation of each facility.

Groundwater samples shall be collected from groundwater monitoring wells and other sampling points established in accordance with the hydrogeological characterization required by the CDO. The samples shall be collected at the specified frequencies and analyzed for the parameters and constituents listed in Table I. The Discharger shall collect, preserve, and transport groundwater

samples in accordance with the Sample Collection and Analysis Plan approved by the Assistant Executive Officer.

The Discharger is required to submit a Water Quality Protection Standard (WQPS) Report that proposes statistical data analysis methods to calculate concentrations limits for each Monitoring Parameter and Constituent of Concern.

The report shall:

- a. Identify all distinct bodies of surface and groundwater that have been or could be affected by a release from a surface impoundment or land application activities. This list shall include any permanent or ephemeral zones of perched groundwater underlying the facility.
- b. Include a map showing all monitoring points (monitoring points within the degradation plume and monitoring points hydraulically downgradient and outside of the degradation plume) for the groundwater monitoring program for each groundwater zone that has been or could be affected by a release.
- c. Evaluate the perennial direction(s) of groundwater movement within each groundwater zone(s).
- d. Include a proposed statistical method for calculating concentration limits for Monitoring Parameters and Constituents of Concern that are detected in 10% or greater of the background data (naturally-occurring constituents) using a statistical procedure from Section 20415(e)(8)(A-D)] or Section 20415(e)(8)(E) of Title 27.
- e. Include a retesting procedure to confirm or deny measurably significant evidence of a release pursuant to Section 20415(e)(8)(E) and Section 20420(j)(1-3) of Title 27.

Any proposed changes to the WQPS, other than an annual update of the concentration limits, shall be submitted in a report for review and approval.

Quarterly monitoring for the parameters and constituents listed in Table I is necessary to collect sufficient data to establish a WQPS. After sufficient data have been collected and a WQPS established, the Discharger may request that the sampling frequency of Constituents of Concern be revised by providing technical justification.

INFLUENT MONITORING

Produced water samples shall be collected at a point in the system before discharge to the ponds. Time of collection of the sample shall be recorded. The collected produced water samples shall be analyzed for the parameters and constituents listed in Table I in accordance with the specified methods

and frequencies. The Discharger shall collect, preserve, and transport produced water samples in accordance with the approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan.

FACILITY MONITORING

Permanent markers shall be in place in each pond with calibrations indicating the water level at design capacity and available operational freeboard. The freeboard shall be monitored on all ponds to the nearest tenth of a foot **monthly**.

Annually, prior to the anticipated rainy season, but **no later than 30 September**, the Discharger shall conduct an inspection of the facility. The inspection shall assess repair and maintenance needed for: drainage control systems; slope failure; groundwater monitoring wells, or any change in site conditions that could impair the integrity of the surface impoundments or precipitation and drainage control structures; and shall assess preparedness for winter conditions including, but not limited to, erosion and sedimentation control. The Discharger shall take photos of any problems areas before and after repairs. Any necessary construction, maintenance, or repairs shall be **completed by 31 October**. Annual facility inspection reporting shall be **submitted by 30 November**.

The Discharger shall inspect all precipitation, diversion, and drainage facilities for damage **within 7 days** following major storm events (e.g., a storm that causes continual runoff for at least one hour) capable of causing flooding, damage, or significant erosion. The Discharger shall take photos of any problems areas before and after repairs. Necessary repairs shall be completed **within 30 days** of the inspection. Notification and reporting requirements for major storm events shall be conducted as required in Reporting Requirements 2. of this MRP.

The Discharger shall monitor and record on-site rainfall data using an automated rainfall gauge. Data shall be used in establishing the severity of storm events and wet seasons for comparison with design parameters used for waste management unit design and conveyance and drainage design. Daily data and on-site observation shall be used for establishing the need for inspection and repairs after major storm events. Rainfall data shall be reported in the quarterly monitoring reports as required by this MRP.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. The Discharger shall report all monitoring data and information as specified herein. Reports that do not comply with the required format will be **REJECTED** and the Discharger shall be deemed to be in noncompliance with this Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. Quarterly groundwater monitoring and remediation system reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board according to the schedule below.

<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
January – March	April 30
April – June	July 31
July – September	October 31

October – December January 31

Each quarterly report shall include the following minimum information:

- (a) a description and discussion of the groundwater sampling event(s) and results, including trends in the concentrations of waste constituents and groundwater elevations in the wells. If there are any deficiencies during the sampling event or if impacts to groundwater extend beyond recent historical boundaries, the report shall include an explanation and/or evaluation and propose options for addressing or correcting the deficiencies;
 - (b) field logs that contain, at a minimum, water quality parameters measured before, during, and after purging, method of purging, depth of water, volume of water purged, etc.;
 - (c) groundwater contour maps for all groundwater zones, if applicable;
 - (d) waste constituent isoconcentration maps for all groundwater zones, if applicable;
 - (e) a table showing well construction details that shall include, at a minimum, well number, groundwater zone being monitored, measuring point elevation, depth to top and bottom of screen, water level elevation, and depth to water;
 - (f) cumulative data tables containing all historical water quality analytical results and depth to groundwater;
 - (g) a copy of all laboratory analytical data reports;
 - (i) results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the locations specified in this Monitoring and Reporting Program or at other locations at the site shall be reported to the Central Valley Water Board;
 - (j) a summary of any spills/releases that occurred during the quarter and tasks undertaken in response to the spills/releases;
 - (k) an update and status on each of the outstanding tasks required by the CDO or Assistant Executive Officer;
 - (l) a map showing all wells on the facility;
3. In reporting the monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized to demonstrate compliance with the requirements. All data shall be submitted in an electronic form acceptable to the Assistant Executive Officer.
 4. The Discharger shall submit an **annual report by 31 January** of each year for the preceding year. The report can be combined with the Discharger's fourth quarter report. The report shall contain:

- a. Both tabular and graphical summaries of all data obtained during the year;
 - b. An in-depth evaluation of groundwater conditions at the site including short and long-term trends of the constituents of concern in each area of the site;
 - c. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the groundwater monitoring network in delineating the lateral and vertical extent of impacts to groundwater in all affected areas of the site. This needs to include an identification of any data gaps and potential deficiencies in the monitoring system or reporting program. The report shall include recommendations to address any deficiencies in the monitoring and report program;
 - d. An evaluation of the effectiveness of each of the remediation systems. The evaluation shall include the effectiveness of the systems in remediating impacted groundwater and each of the source areas or suspected source areas. The report shall include recommendations for improving or expanding the systems, if necessary;
 - e. A summary of the performance of each remediation system including the amount and percentage of operating and downtime, and the amount of petroleum hydrocarbons removed; and
 - f. A summary of all spills/releases, if any, that occurred during the year, tasks undertaken in response to the spills, the results of the tasks undertaken.
5. For each required quarterly and annual report, one report shall be submitted containing all monitoring data collected at the site by the Discharger and include all information cited in the above sections. A hard copy of all required reports on/or responses shall be submitted by the due date unless otherwise arranged with Central Valley Water Board staff.
 6. The Discharger may request that the Assistant Executive Officer change the monitoring frequency or constituents of concern after the first year of monitoring. The request needs to include a demonstration that adequate data has been collected to determine background groundwater conditions and a justification for the change.
 6. The Discharger shall maintain a data base containing historical and current monitoring data in an electronic form acceptable to the Assistant Executive Officer. The data base shall be updated quarterly and provided to the Central Valley Water Board in electronic format.
 7. The Discharger shall submit electronic copies of all workplans, reports, analytical results, and groundwater elevation data over the Internet to the State Water Board Geographic Environmental Information Management System database (GeoTracker) at <http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov>. Electronic submittals shall comply with GeoTracker standards and procedures as specified on the State Water Board's web site. Uploads to Geotracker shall be completed on or prior to the due date. In addition, a hardcopy of each document shall be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
1685 E Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93706
Attn: Ron Holcomb
Geotracker Site ID: **T10000005197 or T10000005199**

8. A transmittal letter explaining the essential points shall accompany each report. At a minimum, the transmittal letter shall identify any violations found since the last report was submitted, and if the violations were corrected. If no violations have occurred since the last submittal, this shall be stated in the transmittal letter. The transmittal letter shall also state that a discussion of any violations found since the last report was submitted, and a description of the actions taken or planned for correcting those violations, including any references to previously submitted time schedules, is contained in the accompanying report. The transmittal letter shall contain a statement identical to that required by the CDO by the discharger, or the discharger's authorized agent, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of the signer's knowledge the report is true, accurate, and complete.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the effective date of this Program.

Original signed by:
Ordered by: _____
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

30 July 2015

(Date)

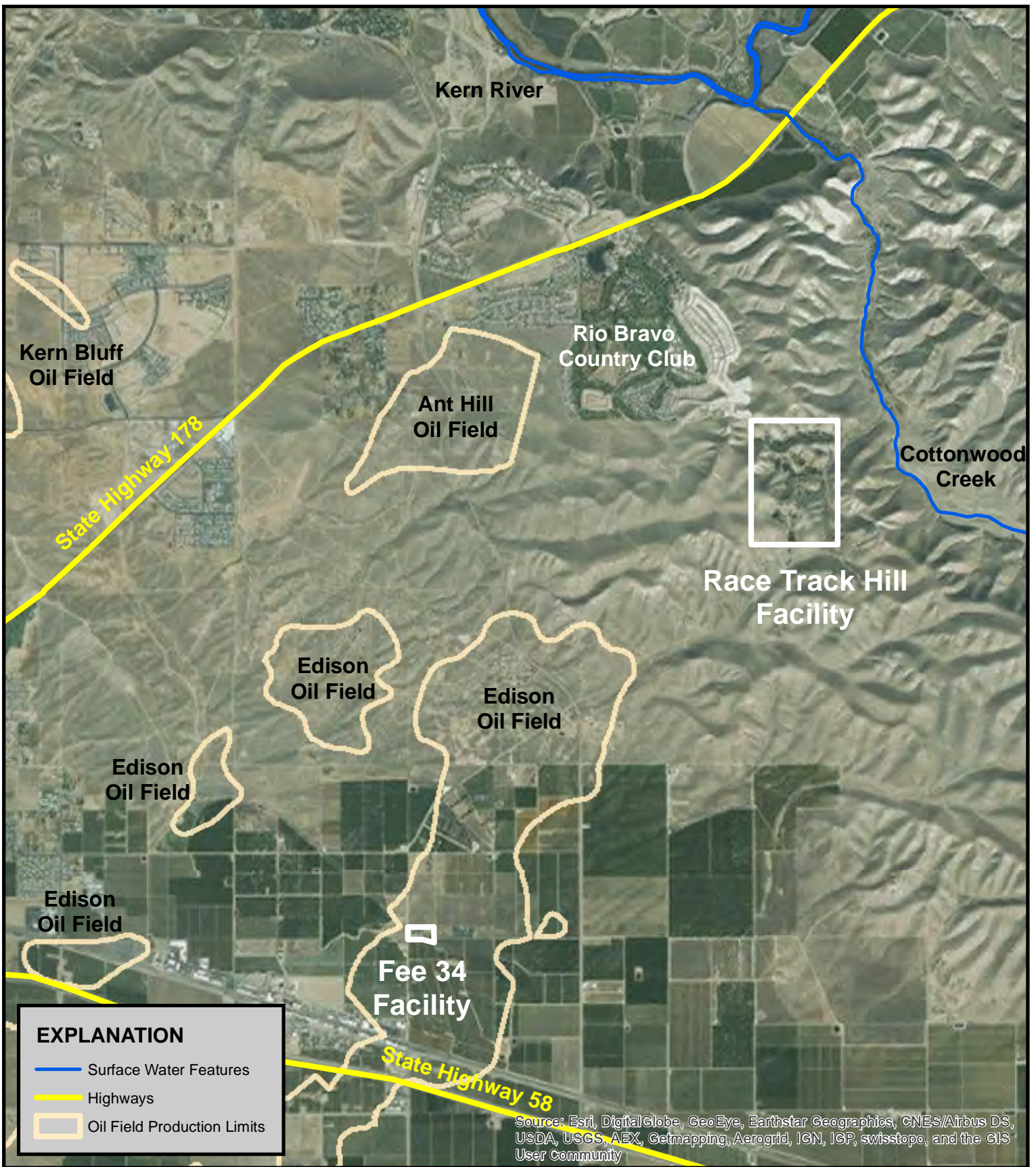
Table 1 - Groundwater and Influent Monitoring				
<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Monitoring Frequency</u>	<u>US EPA or other Method</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
<u>Groundwater Elevation</u>	feet & hundredths, MSL ¹	Quarterly		Quarterly
<u>Field Parameters</u>				
Temperature	°F ²	Quarterly		Quarterly
Electrical Conductivity	umhos/cm ³	Quarterly		Quarterly
pH	pH units	Quarterly		Quarterly
<u>Monitoring Parameters</u>				
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/l ⁴	Quarterly	160.1	Quarterly
Electrical Conductivity	umhos/cm	Quarterly	120.1	Quarterly
Boron, dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	6010B	Quarterly
<u>Standard Minerals</u>				
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	mg/l	Quarterly	310.1	Quarterly
Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	mg/l	Quarterly	310.1	Quarterly
Carbonate Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	mg/l	Quarterly	310.1	Quarterly
Hydroxide Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	mg/l	Quarterly	310.1	Quarterly
Sulfate , dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	300.0	Quarterly
Nitrate-N, dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	300.0	Quarterly
Calcium, dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	6010B	Quarterly
Magnesium, dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	6010B	Quarterly
Sodium, dissolved	mg/l	Quarterly	6010B	Quarterly
Potassium	mg/l	Quarterly	6010B	Quarterly
Chloride	mg/l	Quarterly	300.0	Quarterly
<u>PAHs</u> ⁵	ug/l ⁶	Quarterly	8270	Quarterly
<u>Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH)</u>	ug/l	Quarterly	418.1	Quarterly
<u>Aromatic Hydrocarbons</u>				
Benzene	ug/l	Quarterly	8260B	Quarterly
Ethyl Benzene	ug/l	Quarterly	8260B	Quarterly
Toluene	ug/l	Quarterly	8260B	Quarterly

Table 1 - Groundwater and Influent Monitoring				
<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Monitoring Frequency</u>	<u>US EPA or other Method</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
M,p-Xylenes	ug/l	Quarterly	8260B	Quarterly
o-Xylene	ug/l	Quarterly	8260B	Quarterly
<u>Stable Isotopes</u>				
Oxygen (¹⁸ O)		Quarterly	900.0	Quarterly
Hydrogen (² H, deuterium [D])	pCi/L ⁷	Quarterly	900.0	Quarterly
<u>Radionuclides</u>				
Radium-226	pCi/L	Quarterly	SM ⁸ 7500-Ra	Quarterly
Radium-228	pCi/L	Quarterly	SM 7500-Ra	Quarterly
Gross Alpha particle (excluding radon and uranium)	pCi/L	Quarterly	SM 7110	Quarterly
Uranium	pCi/L	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
<u>Constituents of Concern</u>				
Lithium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.7	Quarterly
Strontium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.7	Quarterly
Iron	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Manganese	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Antimony	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Arsenic	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Barium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Beryllium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Cadmium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Chromium (total)	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Chromium (hexavalent)	mg/l	Quarterly	7196A	Quarterly
Cobalt	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Copper	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Lead	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Mercury	mg/l	Quarterly	7470A	Quarterly

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R5-2015-0093
 VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
 RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY
 FEE 34 FACILITY
 KERN COUNTY

Table 1 - Groundwater and Influent Monitoring				
<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Monitoring Frequency</u>	<u>US EPA or other Method</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Molybdenum	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Nickel	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Selenium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Silver	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Thallium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Vanadium	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly
Zinc	mg/l	Quarterly	200.8	Quarterly

- ¹ Mean Sea Level
- ² Fahrenheit
- ³ Micromhos per centimeter
- ⁴ Milligrams per liter
- ⁵ Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
- ⁶ Micrograms per liter
- ⁷ Picocuries per liter
- ⁸ Standard Methods



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FOR

VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
RACE TRACK HILL AND FEE 34 FACILITY, EDISON OIL FIELD
KERN COUNTY

ATTACHMENT A



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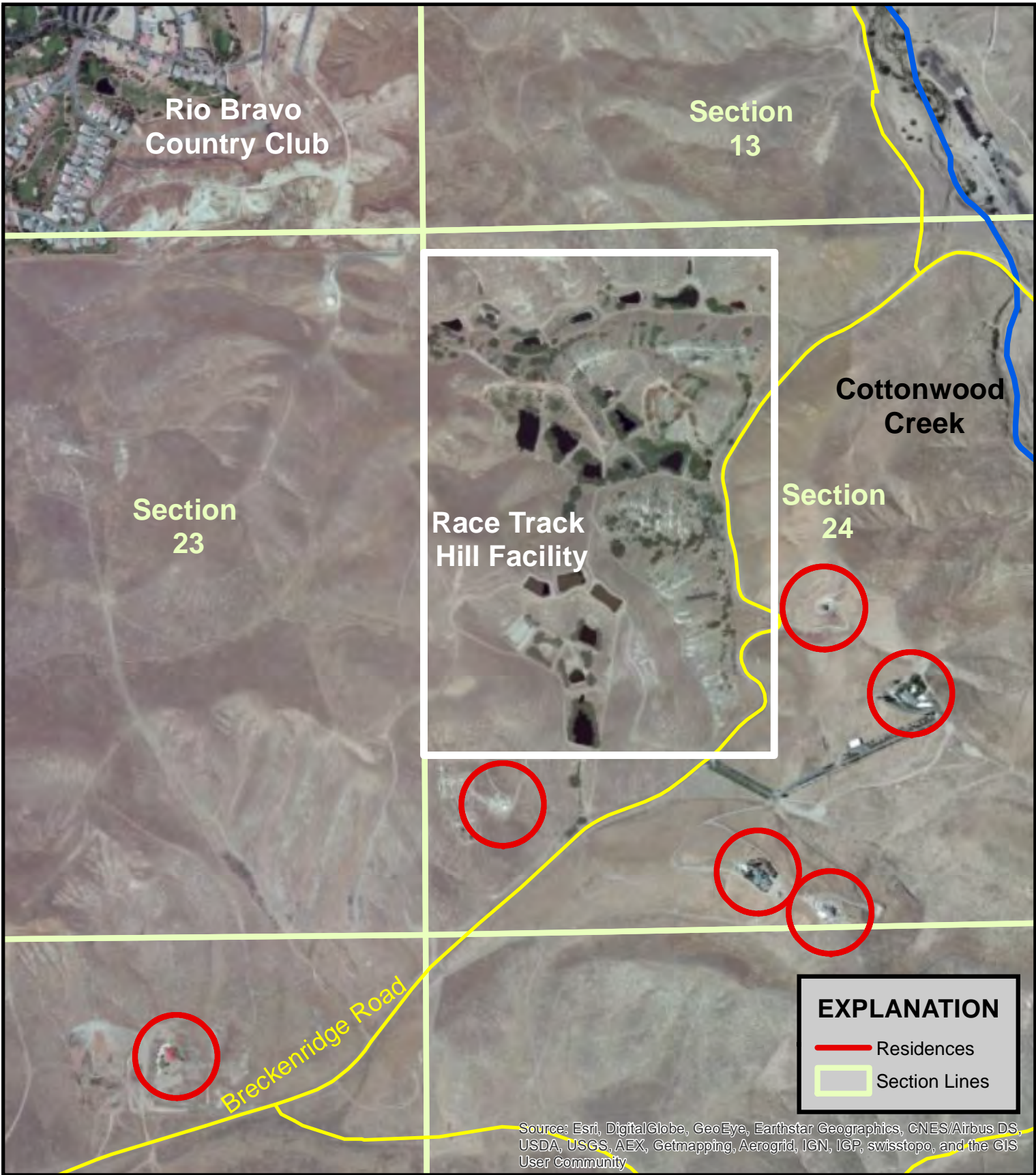
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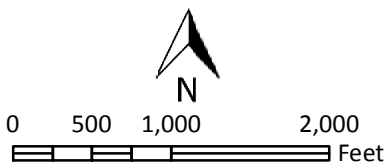
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FEE 34 FACILITY SITE MAP
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RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY SITE MAP
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ATTACHMENT C

Attachment D

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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**INSPECTION REPORT – VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, C-PLANT FACILITY,
EDISON OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff (Staff) inspected the wastewater disposal facility at the C-Plant Facility on 18 September 2013. Disposal operations at the facility are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order 92-11037 (WDRs). Staff's comments and observations are presented in the enclosed inspection report.

Staff observed that oil field produced wastewater was being discharged into seven surface impoundments (sumps) at the facility. Two sumps (referred to as wastewater sumps; see Figure 1) appeared to have insufficient freeboard (approximately 1 foot of freeboard) and are in violation of the WDRs. Waste Discharge Specification B.6 of the WDRs states that a minimum of two feet of freeboard needs to be maintained in the sumps. The final sump in the series has recently been covered with netting to preclude wildlife.

Waste Discharge Specification B.1 of the WDRs states that wastewater discharged to sumps cannot exceed the following limits: electrical conductivity (EC), 1,000 micromhos per centimeter ($\mu\text{mhos/cm}$); chloride, 200 milligrams per liter (mg/L); and boron, 1.0 mg/L. Analytical results provided in Valley Water Management Company's 2013 annual monitoring report indicate that the wastewater contains an EC of 5,700 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$, a chloride concentration of 1,800 mg/L, and a boron concentration of 14 mg/L, which exceed the salinity limits prescribed in the WDRs. Discharge of high salinity wastewater to sumps at the facility is a violation of the WDRs and poses a threat to groundwater.

Failure to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements Order 92-11037 can subject you to administrative civil liability (monetary penalties) at a rate of up to \$10 for each gallon discharged to the surface impoundments which exceeds the waste constituent limitations contained in Discharge Specification 1, of Order 92-11037. It is important that you promptly comply with the discharge limitations stipulated in Order 92-11037 to minimize your potential liability pursuant to California Water Code section 13350(e).

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan West at (559) 445-6188 or by email at Ryan.West@waterboards.ca.gov



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Enclosure: Inspection Report

cc: Vincent Agusiegbe, CDOG&GR, Bakersfield

FACILITY INFORMATION

Oil field production wastewater disposal facility.

Active

FACILITY DESCRIPTION (e.g., total area in acres, number of waste management units, etc.)

STATUS (active, inactive, closed)

Oil field production wastewater.

Sub-15 Surface Impoundments

WASTE TYPES

FACILITY CLASSIFICATION

Twenty-seven unlined surface impoundments and sprinkler irrigation system.

DISPOSAL DESCRIPTION (e.g., composting, landfill, surface impoundment, etc.)

BACKGROUND

The C-Plant Facility (Figure 1) contains seven sumps that are used for oil separation and storage of oil field production wastewater. The C-Plant Facility accepts approximately 4.5 million barrels (189 million gallons) of oil field production wastewater per year from several small oil producers in the Edison Oil Field whose wastewater does not meet Basin Plan salinity limits for discharges to unlined sumps. The wastewater contains an electrical conductivity (EC) of 5,700 micromhos per centimeter ($\mu\text{mhos/cm}$), a chloride concentration of 1,800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and a boron concentration of 14 mg/L. Wastewater from the C-plant Facility is piped to Valley Water Management Company's Race Track Hill Facility for disposal to unlined sumps.

INSPECTION GIS DATA

GIS Equipment used:

	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	DATUM
Description of Measured Point	Latitude	Longitude	Datum	Comments
Centroid of Facility	35.355071	-118.859904	NAD 83	

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

Describe observations and findings and identify those that document and reference each violation listed in the Inspection Violations Summary table by identifying the cited violation number within parentheses following the observation/finding (e.g., Exposed waste on top deck (V1)).

The facility was inspected to observe current wastewater disposal operations and evaluate compliance with the WDRs. Photographs were taken to document conditions observed (see page 4).

Staff observed that oil field produced wastewater was being discharged into seven sumps at the facility. Land in the immediate vicinity of the facility is used for farming. It appeared that grapes are being farmed immediately south of the facility (see Figure 1).

Wastewater enters the facility by means of inlet pipes (Photograph 1). The inlet pipes discharge wastewater into two oil separation sumps that are covered with netting (Photograph 2). The oil separation sumps are gunite-lined and contained wastewater coated with crude oil. From the oil separation sumps, the wastewater enters two gunite-lined sumps (hereafter referred to as "wastewater sumps") that are each approximately 125 feet in length and 45 feet wide (Photographs 3 and 4). The two wastewater sumps are equipped with built-in skimmers, that when lowered by an operator, skim crude oil off the wastewater. I did not observe any crude oil in the wastewater sumps (Photograph 4). Both of the wastewater sumps appeared to have insufficient freeboard (approximately 1 foot of freeboard). There are two unlined sumps (hereafter referred to as "oil sumps") that are used for storage of crude oil that is skimmed from wastewater. The two oil sumps were at maximum capacity and contained wastewater coated with a thin veneer of crude oil (Photograph 5). The last sump in the series is gunite-lined and is referred to as the shipping sump. Netting was recently constructed over the shipping sump to prevent wildlife from contacting crude oil (Photograph 6). The shipping sump contained wastewater coated with some crude oil near the northeast corner of the sump.

The storm water basin located at the southern portion of the facility was dry.

SAMPLING INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS

Were samples collected during the inspection? Yes No
 Did discharger collect split samples? Yes No

Are sample results included in report? Yes No

SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS

SAMPLE ID	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION/OBSERVATIONS	SAMPLE TIME (hours)	PHOTO NO.
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DISCUSSION OF SAMPLING RESULTS

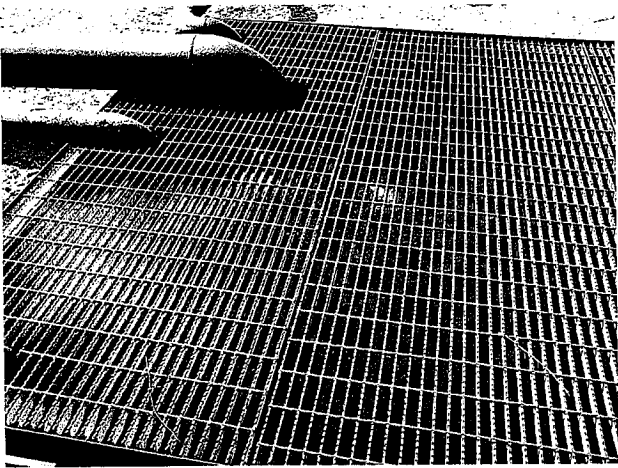
Discuss sampling results (e.g., discuss whether sampling results show compliance with WDRs).

CONCLUSIONS

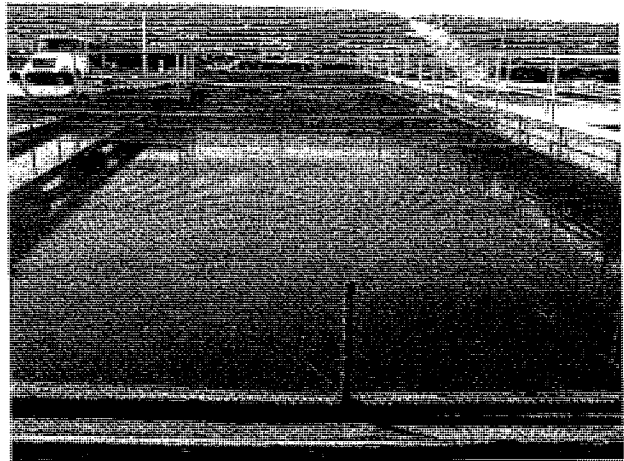
Summarize the conclusions of the inspection(s) below.

1. The shipping sump has recently been covered with netting to preclude wildlife. This resolves the Notice of Violation dated 28 June 2012 issued to Valley Water Management Company.
 2. The two wastewater sumps appeared to have insufficient freeboard (approximately 1 foot) and are in violation of the WDRs. Waste Discharge Specification B.6 of the WDRs states that a minimum of two feet of freeboard needs to be maintained in the sumps.
 3. Waste Discharge Specification B.1 of the WDRs states that wastewater discharged to sumps cannot exceed the following limits: EC, 1,000 μ mhos/cm; chloride, 200 mg/L; and boron, 1.0 mg/L. Analytical results provided in Valley Water Management Company's 2013 annual monitoring report indicate that the wastewater contains an EC of 5,700 μ mhos/cm, a chloride concentration of 1,800 mg/L, and a boron concentration of 14 mg/L, which exceed the salinity limits prescribed in the WDRs.
 4. Discharge of high salinity wastewater to sumps at the facility is a violation of the WDRs and poses a threat to groundwater. The disposal of wastewater to sumps at the facility needs to cease.
 5. The WDRs are outdated and need to be updated for conformance with current Central Valley Water Board policies, and State regulations and policies.

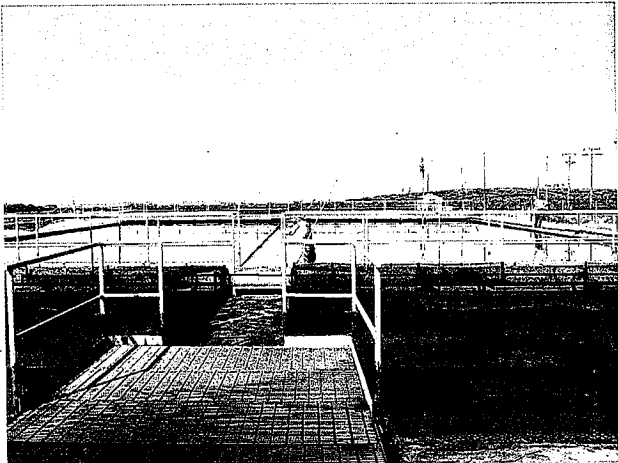
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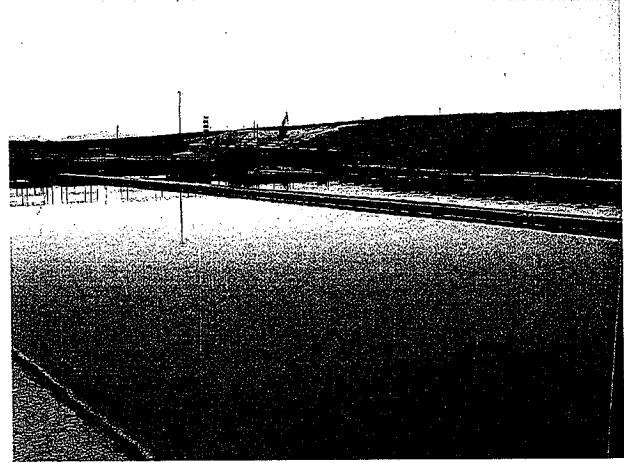
Photograph 1. – View of incoming wastewater pipes that discharge into the separation sumps.



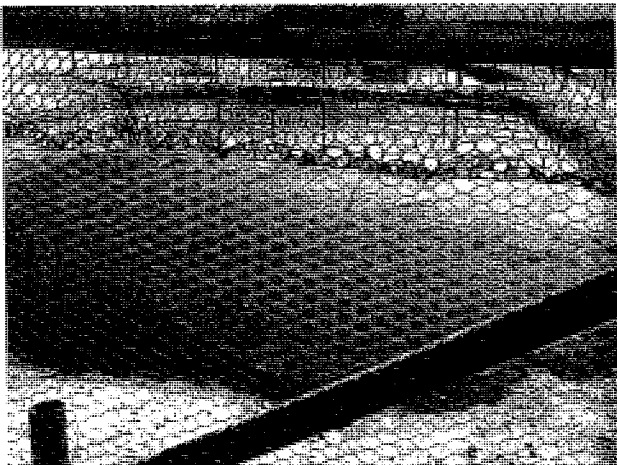
Photograph 2. – View of oil separation sumps.



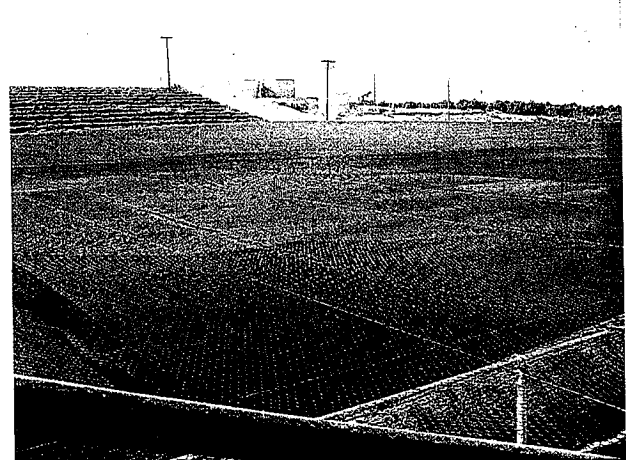
Photograph 3. – View of a separation sumps and wastewater sumps looking west.



Photograph 4. – View of the wastewater sumps looking southeast.



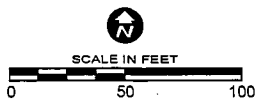
Photograph 5. – View of the two unlined oil sumps.



Photograph 6. – View of the shipping sump.



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SITE MAP
ORDER NO. 92-11037
VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
EDISON FEE 34 (RACETRACK HILL, C-PLANT) FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 1

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INSPECTION REPORT – VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY, EDISON, KERN COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff (Staff) inspected the wastewater disposal facility at the Race Track Hill Facility on 18 September 2013. Disposal operations at the facility are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Resolution 58-349 (WDRs). Staff's comments and observations are presented in the enclosed inspection report.

Twenty-seven surface impoundments (sumps) were observed on the lease that are used for percolation and evaporation of oil field produced wastewater. The "Entry Sump" has recently been covered with netting to preclude wildlife. The sumps and netting appeared to be in satisfactory condition. Freeboard appeared to be adequate in all of the sumps.

A sprinkler irrigation system is used to irrigate a variety of salt tolerant vegetation to facilitate evapotranspiration of the wastewater. Approximately 94 acres of land on the facility are being irrigated. Sprinklers were operating at the time of the inspection. Waste Discharge Requirements Resolution 58-349 states that wastewater discharged or overflowing onto the surface of the ground needs to conform to the following limits: total dissolved solids cannot exceed 1,000 parts per million (ppm), chlorides cannot exceed 150 ppm, and boron cannot exceed 1.0 ppm.

The wastewater being discharged comes directly from Valley Water Management Company's C-Plant. Analyses of the wastewater at the C-Plant documented the following waste constituent concentrations: electrical conductivity, 5,700 micromhos per centimeter; chloride, 1,800 milligrams per liter (mg/L); and boron, 14 mg/L. The wastewater being sprayed to the ground exceeds the limits permitted by the WDRs. The discharge of wastewater through the sprinkler irrigation system to land is a violation of the WDRs.

Failure to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements Resolution 58-349 can subject you to administrative civil liability (monetary penalties) at a rate up to \$10 for each gallon discharged through the sprinkler system which exceeds the waste constituent limitations contained in Resolved 3.a., b. and c. It is important that you promptly comply with the discharge limitations stipulated in Resolution 58-349 to minimize your potential liability pursuant to California Water Code section 13350(e).

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VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY	EDISON, RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY
DISCHARGER NAME	FACILITY NAME
7500 MEANY AVENUE	W 1/2 OF SECTION 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M
STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308	KERN COUNTY
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
LARRY BRIGHT	RUSSELL EMERSON
DISCHARGER CONTACT PERSON	FACILITY CONTACT PERSON
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GENERAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Type: B Type Compliance Inspection Lead Inspector: R. West

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INSPECTION DATE(S) INSPECTION TIME GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

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INSPECTION SUMMARY (for CIWQS entry – 500 character maximum)

The Race Track Hill Facility was inspected to determine compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements Resolution 58-349 (WDRs). There are twenty-seven unlined surface impoundments (sumps) on the facility that are used for percolation and evaporation of oil field production wastewater. A sprinkler irrigation system is used to irrigate a variety of salt tolerant vegetation to facilitate evapotranspiration of the wastewater. Wastewater discharged through the irrigation system exceeds the salinity limits stipulated in the WDRs for discharges onto the surface of the ground.

INSPECTION VIOLATIONS SUMMARY (if applicable)

Identify VIOLATIONS noted during inspection in table below. For each violation documented entered into CIWQS, identify Violation ID and Violation Type, describe violation, and identify section of the WDRs or Water Code violated.

Label	Violation ID	Violation Type	Violation Description	Section of the WDRs Violated
V1	955354	Effluent Violation	Irrigation of wastewater w/ elevated EC, chloride, & boron to ground surface	discharge specification no. 3 (a,b,c)
V2	393289	NOV	Notice of Violation	
V3				
V4				
V5				
V6				

OTHER VIOLATIONS (if applicable)

SMR violations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Evaluated	Notes:
File Review violations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Evaluated	Notes:

Lead Inspector ID: 139472 Signature: Ryan K. West Date: 10/8/13

Inspection Tracking Information Reviewed by: (1) [Signature] (2) _____ (3) (RKW) 139472
 CIWQS Coordinator

Filename: WVMC, Race Track Hill Facility, Edison, Kern County, Resolution 58-349 CIWQS Entry Date: 09/24/2013 CIWQS Inspection ID: 13834522

FACILITY INFORMATION

Oil field production wastewater disposal facility.
FACILITY DESCRIPTION (e.g., total area in acres, number of waste management units, etc.)

Active
STATUS (active, inactive, closed)

Oil field production wastewater.
WASTE TYPES

Sub-15 Surface Impoundments
FACILITY CLASSIFICATION

Twenty-seven unlined surface impoundments and sprinkler irrigation system.
DISPOSAL DESCRIPTION (e.g., composting, landfill, surface impoundment, etc.)

BACKGROUND

The Race Track Hill Facility (Figure 1) contains 27 unlined sumps and an irrigation sprinkler system that are used for disposal of wastewater. The wastewater, collected at Valley Water Management Company's C-Plant Facility in the Edison Oil Field, is delivered to the facility by pipeline for disposal. The C-Plant Facility accepts approximately 4.5 million barrels (189 million gallons) of oil field production wastewater per year from several small oil producers in the Edison Oil Field whose wastewater does not meet Basin Plan salinity limits for discharges to unlined sumps. The wastewater contains an electrical conductivity of 5,700 micromhos per centimeter, a chloride concentration of 1,800 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and a boron concentration of 14 mg/L.

INSPECTION GIS DATA

GIS Equipment used:

	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	DATUM
Description of Measured Point	Latitude	Longitude	Datum	Comments
Centroid of Facility	35.392863	-118.821173	NAD 83	

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

Describe observations and findings and identify those that document and reference each violation listed in the Inspection Violations Summary table by identifying the cited violation number within parentheses following the observation/finding (e.g., Exposed waste on top deck (V1)).

The facility was inspected to observe current wastewater disposal operations and evaluate compliance with the WDRs. Photographs were taken to document observations (see page 4).

There are twenty-seven unlined sumps on the facility that are used for percolation and evaporation of oil field production wastewater. Wastewater is gravity fed from one sump to the next in a downhill series. Netting was recently constructed over the "Entry Sump" to prevent wildlife from contacting crude oil in the sump (Photograph 1). A vacuum truck operator was on-site cleaning crude oil out of the north-east corner of Sump 2 (Photograph 2). Mr. Emerson (Valley Water Management Company) stated that vacuum trucks are used on a frequent basis as part of regular facility maintenance. Crude oil was not observed in the remainder of the sumps (Photographs 3 and 5). A few of the sumps did not contain wastewater (Photograph 6).

A sprinkler irrigation system is used to irrigate a variety of salt tolerant vegetation to facilitate evapotranspiration of the wastewater. Approximately 94 acres of land on the facility are irrigated (see Figure 1). Sprinklers were operating at the time of the inspection (Photograph 4).

SAMPLING INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS

Were samples collected during the inspection? Yes No Are sample results included in report? Yes No
 Did discharger collect split samples? Yes No

SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS

SAMPLE ID	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION/OBSERVATIONS	SAMPLE TIME (hours)	PHOTO NO.

DISCUSSION OF SAMPLING RESULTS

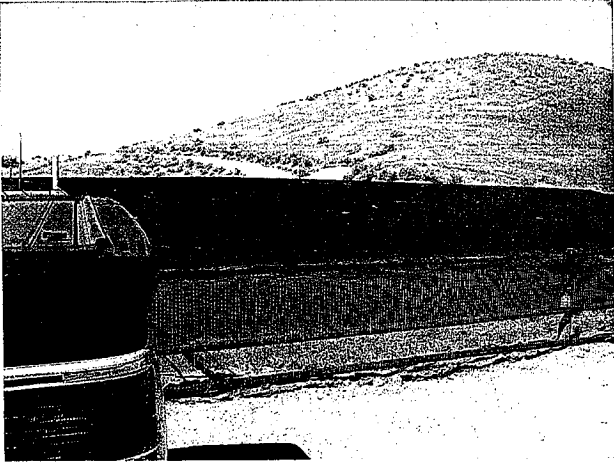
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CONCLUSIONS

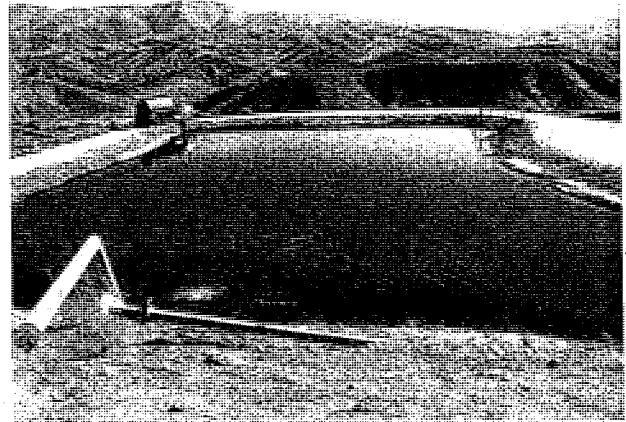
Summarize the conclusions of the inspection(s) below.

1. The "Entry Sump" has recently been covered with netting to preclude wildlife. This resolves the Notice of Violation dated 10 July 2012 issued to Valley Water Management Company.
2. A sprinkler irrigation system is used to irrigate a variety of salt tolerant vegetation to facilitate evapotranspiration of the wastewater. Approximately 94 acres of land on the facility are irrigated. Sprinklers were operating at the time of the inspection. Waste Discharge Requirements Resolution 58-349 states that wastewater discharged or overflowing onto the surface of the ground, or into natural drainage channels or into unlined sumps other than those constructed in Section 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M shall conform to the following criteria: total dissolved solids cannot exceed 1,000 parts per million (ppm), chlorides cannot exceed 150 ppm, and boron cannot exceed 1.0 ppm. Facility wastewater exceeds these criteria.
3. The disposal of wastewater through the sprinkler irrigation system is in violation of the WDRs and needs to cease.
4. The WDRs are outdated and need to be updated for conformance with current Central Valley Water Board policies, and State regulations and policies.

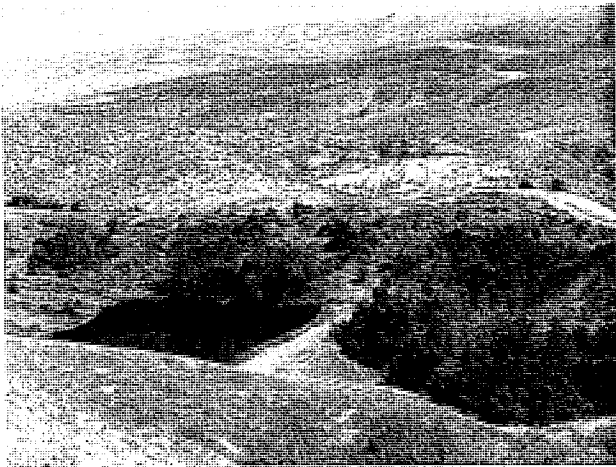
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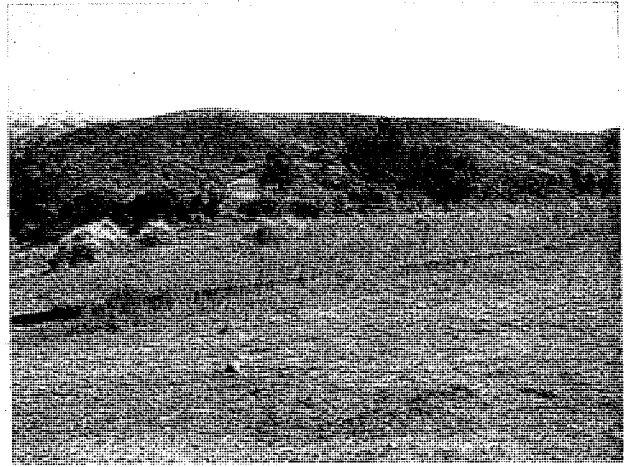
Photograph 1. – View of netting recently constructed over the "Entry Sump."



Photograph 2. – View of vacuum truck removing a small amount of crude oil in NE corner of Sump 2.



Photograph 3. – View of a few sumps on the northern portion of the facility.



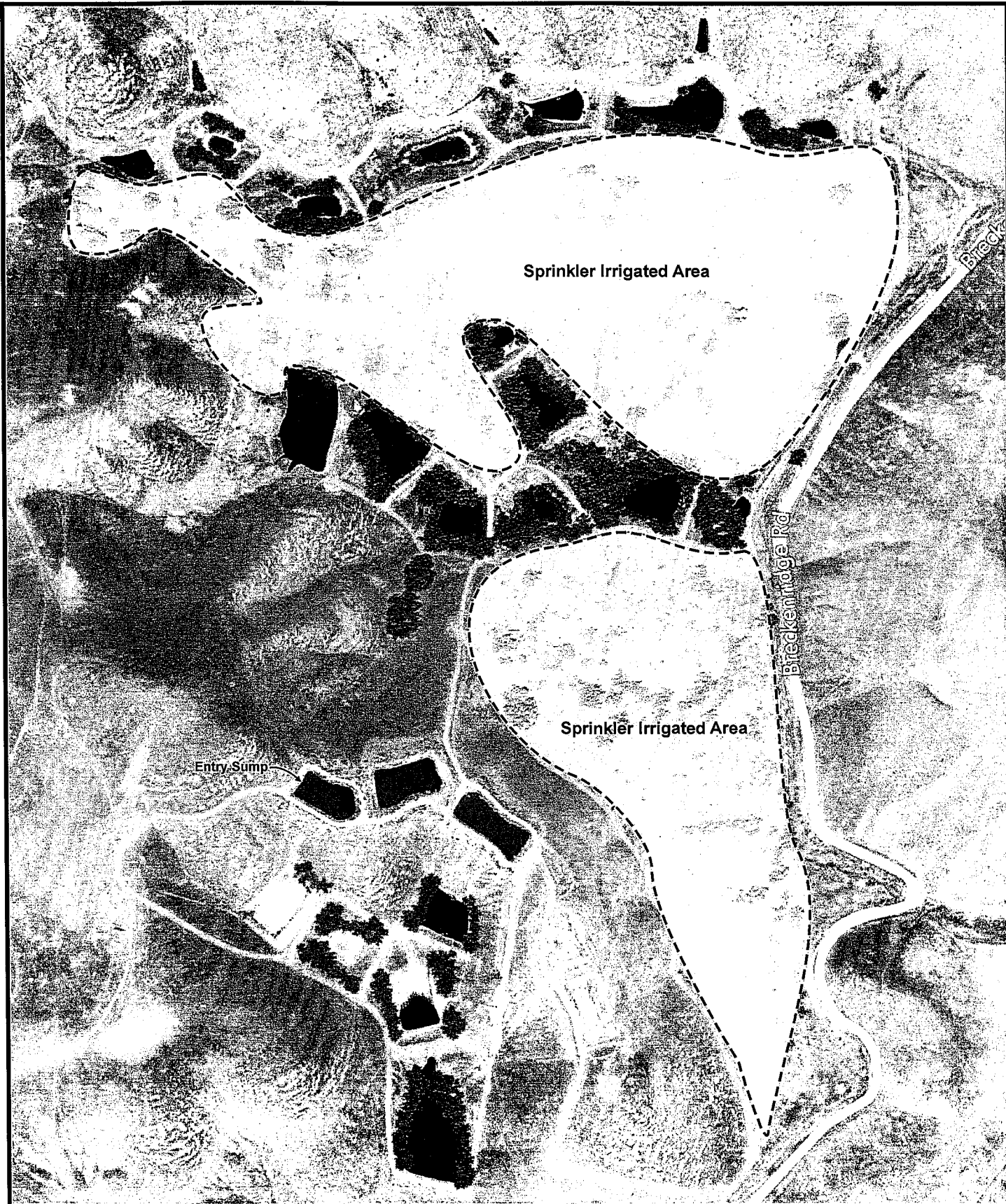
Photograph 4. – View of a sprinklers irrigating an area on the northern portion of the facility.



Photograph 5. – View of the elevated berm on Sump 26.



Photograph 6. – View of the last sump in the series (Sump 27). Breckenridge road in the background.



Map Source:
ESRI's ArcGIS Online Premium Services
Section 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M



SITE MAP
RESOLUTION 58-349
VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
EDISON (RACETRACK HILL - SEC24) FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 1

EXHIBIT 2

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2015-XXXX

FOR
VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY AND
FEE 34 FACILITY, EDISON
KERN COUNTY

WATER CODE SECTION 13301 ORDER
TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 58-349 AND
ORDERS 92-110 AND 92-11037

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter referred to as "Central Valley Water Board" or "Board") finds that:

1. Valley Water Management Company (hereinafter referred to as Valley Water), owns and operates two oil well production wastewater disposal facilities under the names of "Fee 34 Facility" and "Race Track Hill Facility" in the Edison area of Kern County. Each facility has been issued an individual order for operation. However, since the two facilities are parts of a single wastewater processing and disposal operation, they are jointly addressed in this order as a single wastewater processing facility.

FEE 34 FACILITY

2. The Fee 34 Facility (also known as the C-Plant Facility) is on 3.4 acres (Assessor's Parcel Number 388-050-254) in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, T29S, R29E, MDB&M. The Fee 34 Facility is approximately one mile northeast of the community of Edison in the Edison Oil Field (see Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order). Discovered in 1928, the Edison Oil Field as of 2008 had a cumulative production of over 150 million barrels of oil, over 5.5 million barrels in reserve, 932 producing wells, and was ranked 38th among California's largest and most productive oil fields by total ultimate recovery.¹ In the year 2013, the Edison Oil Field produced 790,130 barrels of oil and 12,107,770 barrels of water.²
3. The Fee 34 Facility contains six surface impoundments. Wastewater is transported to the facility by pipeline from various small, independent oil company leases throughout the Edison Oil Field. Crude oil skimmed from the produced waters flows into two netted, unlined oil recovery impoundments until shipped offsite. The wastewater flows through three gunite-lined

¹ "2009 Report of the State Oil & Gas Supervisor," Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), California Department of Conservation, 2009, accessible at ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/annual_reports/2009/PR06_Annual_2009.pdf at p. 65.

² "2013 Report of the State Oil & Gas Supervisor," Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), California Department of Conservation, 2013, accessible at ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/annual_reports/2013/PR03_PreAnnual_2013.pdf at p. 9.

impoundments equipped with skimmers and is then pumped via pipeline to Valley Water's Race Track Hill Facility for disposal. There is one unlined contingency impoundment for temporary storage of excess wastewater in the instance of power failure or other emergency event. Dimensions of the impoundments range from approximately 30 feet (ft.) x 50 ft. to 120 ft. x 180 ft., and are approximately 10 ft. to 15 ft. deep. An aerial photograph of the Fee 34 Facility is attached hereto as Attachment B and made part of this Order.

4. The Fee 34 Facility is regulated by Central Valley Water Board Order Nos. 92-110 and 92-11037. Order 92-110 sets forth general WDRs for the discharge of oil field produced wastewaters from Edison Oil Field operations, including the Fee 34 Facility. Order 92-11037 is the Notice of Applicability of the general WDRs to the Fee 34 Facility, and includes a chemical analysis of the wastewater with the following characteristics: 7,900 micromhos per centimeter ($\mu\text{mhos/cm}$) electrical conductivity (EC), 4,450 milligrams/liter (mg/l) chloride, and 15.6 mg/l boron.
5. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition* (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for all waters of the Basin.
6. Surface drainage is toward the East Side Canal in the Arvin-Wheeler Ridge Hydrologic Area (557.30) of the Tulare Lake Basin. Surface waters in the Arvin-Wheeler Ridge Hydrologic Area are designated as Valley Floor Waters. The designated beneficial uses of Valley Floor Waters, as specified in the Basin Plan, are agricultural supply; industrial service and process supply; water contact and non-contact water recreation; warm fresh water habitat; wildlife habitat; preservation of rare, threatened, and endangered species; and groundwater recharge.
7. The Fee 34 Facility is in the Kern County Basin Hydrologic Unit, Detailed Analysis Unit (DAU) 258. The designated beneficial uses of the groundwater, as specified in the Basin Plan for DAU 258, are municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural supply, industrial service, and process supply.
8. Information obtained from the California Department of Water Resources identified 36 groundwater supply wells within about one-mile of the Fee 34 Facility. The groundwater is primarily used for agricultural supply. Driller's reports for 19 of the wells identify six domestic supply wells, twelve agricultural supply wells, and one industrial supply well.

RACE TRACK HILL FACILITY

9. The Race Track Hill Facility is located on 338.4 acres in the western half of Section 24, T29S, R29E, MDB&M. The Facility is about fifteen miles east of Bakersfield in Kern County on Assessor's Parcel Number 387-060-031(see Attachment C).
10. The Race Track Hill Facility contains 27 unlined surface impoundments and approximately 94 acres of land, a portion of which is used for surface sprinkler disposal. Wastewater discharge began 56 ½ years ago, in approximately December of 1958. Wastewater is transported to the Facility by pipeline from Valley Water's Fee 34 Facility, which is about four miles to the southwest in the Edison Oil Field. The wastewater is discharged to the impoundments for percolation and evaporation. Excess wastewater that does not percolate or evaporate is sprayed onto portions of the 94 acres for disposal.

11. The Race Track Hill Facility is in an area of rolling topography and a portion of the site may drains toward Cottonwood Creek, about one-half mile northeast of the Facility. Cottonwood Creek is tributary to the Kern River. The designated beneficial uses of the Kern River below the southern California Edison Kern River Powerhouse Number One, as specified in the Basin Plan, are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, hydropower generation, water contact and non-contact recreation, warm fresh water habitat, wildlife habitat, preservation of rare, threatened and endangered species, and groundwater recharge.
12. The Race Track Hill Facility is in the Kern County Basin Hydrologic Unit, DAU 257. The designated beneficial uses of the groundwater for DAU 257, as specified in the Basin Plan, are municipal and domestic water supply, agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, and water contact recreation.
13. The Race Track Hill Facility is underlain by unconsolidated sediments of the Kern River-Chanac Series. The consolidated sediments of the Santa Margarita Formation underlie the Kern River-Chanac Series. The top of the Santa Margarita Formation and the overlying sediments dip to the southwest at an angle of approximately five degrees.
14. The Race Track Hill Facility's WDRs, Resolution No. 58-349, was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on September 18, 1958, and set forth requirements for the discharge of oil field produced wastewater at the Facility.
15. The WDRs allow the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to the ground surface, into natural drainage channels, and into surface impoundments in Section 24, T298, R29E, MDB&M, with no waste constituent limitations. The WDRs also allow the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to the ground surface, into natural drainage channels, or into unlined surface impoundments other than those constructed in Section 24, provided the wastewater conforms to the following criteria:
 - a. Total dissolved solids shall not exceed 1,000 parts per million.
 - b. Chlorides shall not exceed 150 parts per million.
 - c. Boron shall not exceed 1.0 part per million.
16. The WDRs predate the Basin Plan and do not contain the limitations on the discharge of oil field produced wastewater to surface impoundments within Section 24 that are contained in the Basin Plan.
17. Although Resolution 58-349 found "no freshwater producing wells in this vicinity" in 1958, more recent information obtained from the California Department of Water Resources identified six groundwater supply wells within one-mile of the Facility. Groundwater from these wells may have been used for domestic water supply, agriculture supply, and industrial service supply. The current status of these wells is not clear and some may have been destroyed.

WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

18. Discharge of Waste to Land: This information is based upon the 27 November 2012 and 18 September 2013 Central Valley Water Board inspections of the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility, and based upon Valley Water’s wastewater analysis lab report dated 23 July 2013 for the Fee 34 Facility regarding concentrations of EC in µmhos/cm, chloride in mg/l, and boron in mg/l. The Basin Plan and Order 92-110 for Edison Oil Field Operators, and Resolution 58-349 set forth the following waste constituent limitations for the discharge of oil field wastewater:

	<u>Units:</u>	<u>Basin Plan & Order 92-110 Limitation Value:</u>	<u>Res. 58-349 Limitation Value:</u>
<u>Specific EC:</u>	µmhos/cm	1,000	None
<u>Total Dissolved Solids:</u>	mg/l (ppm)	NA	1,000 (outside Section 24)
<u>Chloride:</u>	mg/l	200	150 (outside Section 24)
<u>Boron:</u>	mg/l	1	1 (outside Section 24)

The Basin Plan allows discharges of oil field wastewater that exceed the above maximum salinity limits to unlined sumps, stream channels, or surface waters if the Discharger successfully demonstrates to the Central Valley Water Board in a public hearing that the proposed discharge will not substantially affect water quality nor cause a violation of water quality objectives.

The 23 July 2013 wastewater analytical results at Fee 34 Facility were measured at the following values and are compared to 1992 levels and the Basin Plan limits:

	<u>Units:</u>	<u>1992 Value</u>	<u>2013 Value:</u>	<u>Basin Plan Limits:</u>
<u>Specific EC:</u>	µmhos/cm	7,900	5,700	1,000
<u>Chloride:</u>	mg/l	4,450	1,800	200
<u>Boron:</u>	mg/l	15.6	14	1

19. The Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility were also inspected on 27 March 2015. Violations of the WDRs for both facilities were noted during the inspections. At the Fee 34 Facility, wastewater with EC, chloride, and boron values greater than the Basin Plan limits was being discharged to the ponds in violation of Discharge Specification B.1 of the WDRs. Also, the ponds at the Fee 34 Facility had insufficient freeboard in violation of Discharge Specification B.6 of the WDRs and were not adequately netted or covered to preclude access by wildlife to wastewater with oil coatings in violation of Discharge Specification B.4 of the WDRs. The inspection report noted that the Race Track Hill Facility had insufficient freeboard on two ponds and insufficient netting on three ponds.
20. On 24 May 1996, Valley Waste Disposal Company, the predecessor of Valley Water, submitted the report *Drilling and Data Acquisition Report, Race Track Hill District, Edison Oil Field, Kern County, California*. The report was submitted pursuant to Discharge Specification B.2.c. of Order 92-110. The report and transmittal letter stated that the Fee 34 Facility “... does not pose a threat to ground water quality and that no further action should be required for continued operation of the site.” The transmittal letter also requested a hearing if necessary to demonstrate that the facility does not pose a threat to groundwater quality. There is no record of a response nor an evaluation of the report in the site files, and a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board was not held. Current

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the report and transmittal letter and found it inadequate to demonstrate that there have been no impacts, or that there is no threat, to groundwater.

21. On 9 October 2013, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Valley Water (see Attachment D, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order) for violations of the Discharge Specifications of Order 92-110 at the Fee 34 Facility. The NOV allegations included discharging wastewater in excess of the numerical limitations specified in Discharge Specification B.1 (see Finding No. 18), which is causing, or is threatening to cause a condition of pollution,³ contamination or nuisance⁴; and failure to maintain the minimum freeboard of two feet in two of the impoundments as specified in Discharge Specification B.6, which is causing, or is threatening to cause, a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance caused by overtopping the impoundments. Valley Water submitted a response to the NOV on 8 November 2013 addressing each allegation.
22. Section 13301 of the Water Code provides in relevant part that:

When a regional board finds that a discharge of waste is taking place, or threatening to take place, in violation of requirements of discharge prohibitions prescribed by the regional board or the state board, the board may issue an order to cease and desist and direct that those persons not complying with the requirements or discharge prohibitions (a) comply forthwith, (b) comply in accordance with a time schedule set by the board, or (c) in the event of a threatened violation, take appropriate remedial or preventive action. Cease and desist orders may be issued direct by a board, after notice and hearing.
23. The discharge of waste with high salinity and boron concentrations and other oil field wastewater constituents to the ground, surface water, and/or groundwater creates, or threatens to create, a condition of pollution in surface and groundwater, and may result in the degradation of water quality.
24. Land around the Fee 34 Facility is being used for agricultural production, primarily citrus and grapes. Land around the Race Track Hill Facility is also used for agricultural production including open stock grazing, a five-acre vineyard located approximately 3,000 feet southwest of the facility, and other crops grown in the area beginning about one mile south of the facility.
25. Many of the crops are irrigated with groundwater from local supply wells. Irrigation water with a chloride concentration above 350 mg/l can cause severe crop problems. Boron toxicity can impair

³ "Pollution" is defined by Water Code section 13050, subdivision (l)(1) as, an alteration of the quality of the waters of the state by waste to a degree which unreasonably affects either of the following: (A) The waters for beneficial uses; (B) Facilities which serve these beneficial uses." Water Code §13050(l).

⁴ "Nuisance" means anything which meets all of the following requirements: (1) Is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. (2) Affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. (3) Occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes." Water Code §13050(m).

crops sensitive to boron at concentrations less than 1 mg/l in irrigation water.⁵

26. Underlying groundwater may be degraded if mixed with oil field wastewater. Elevated EC, chloride, and boron levels could impair groundwater for municipal and domestic supply and agricultural supply uses.
27. Due to the topographic relief at the Race Track Hill Facility and the relatively close proximity (one-half mile) to Cottonwood Creek, a major storm has the potential to flush a portion of the accumulated salts discharged to the spray field the past 50-60 years into Cottonwood Creek, which could then be transported to the Kern River 2.5 miles downstream. This has the potential to result in a temporary salt and boron loading of water in the Kern River, and to increase salt and boron loading to groundwaters at the terminus of Kern River flow where groundwater is recharged. Operation of the spray field would require a permit under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, but the disposal operation currently would not meet the requirements for discharge to a surface water.

HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

28. On 1 July 2014, the Central Valley Water Board issued an Order pursuant to Section 13267 of the California Water Code to Valley Water requiring preparation and submission of work plans for hydrogeologic site characterizations for each facility and technical reports presenting their findings. The Discharger petitioned this Order to the State Water Resources Control Board.
29. Valley Water agreed to assess the impacts of wastewater discharges at the Racetrack and Fee 34 facilities. To date, the approach has been to conduct the work in phases with preparation of a work plan containing a specific scope of work, implementation of the work, followed by reporting. Based on the results of each phase, additional work is proposed.
30. As of 1 May 2015, two phases of field work have been completed, including:
 - Soil borings at both Facilities;
 - Soil sampling and analysis;
 - Shallow and deep monitoring well installations at both facilities;
 - Groundwater sampling and analysis; and
 - Leak-testing the lined ponds at the Fee 34 Facility.

⁵ Ayers, R. S., and D. W. Westcott. "FAO 1985. Water Quality for Agriculture." *Irrigation and Drainage Paper* 29.

31. As of 1 May 2015, the results of the Phase 1 field work and parts of the Phase 2 field work have been formally reported. The conclusions include:
- There are wastewater constituents in the soils at the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - Groundwater occurs at depths ranging from 48 to 80 feet below ground surface at the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - There is groundwater mounding beneath the Race Track Hill Facility;
 - Groundwater beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility flows to the southwest;
 - Groundwater beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility has been impacted by the wastewater disposed to the ponds. The EC of the groundwater and the concentrations of boron and chloride are similar to oil field wastewater at the Race Track Hill Facility; and
 - The seepage rates of the North Pond and the South Pond at the Fee 34 Facility are 4.4 millimeters per day and 1.8 millimeters per day, respectively. Those rates translate to approximately 500 gallons per day from the North Pond and approximately 200 gallons per day from the South Pond.
32. The investigations conducted by Valley Water have determined the discharge of wastewater in excess of Basin Plan limitations and water quality objectives has caused a condition of pollution to groundwater at the Racetrack Hill Facility. Additional assessment is needed to determine the nature and extent of the wastewater constituents in groundwater.
33. The apparent direction of groundwater flow beneath the Racetrack Hill Facility is towards residential water supply wells immediately to the southwest and towards Edison and Bakersfield, five to ten miles to the southwest.
34. Based on a review of the site conditions, wastewater quality and volumes, and the results of the field investigations, spraying wastewater onto the ground surface and into natural drainages exacerbates the pollution of the underlying groundwater and creates a potential for waste constituents to drain into Cottonwood Creek and the Kern River. This Order requires the Discharger to cease all discharge of wastewater other than to established impoundments within two weeks of adoption.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

35. It is anticipated that General Waste Discharge Requirements for the operation of oil field wastewater ponds would be proposed for consideration by the Central Valley Water Board in the spring or summer of 2016. The Fee 34 Facility and the Race Track Hill Facility will be required to comply with those General Waste Discharge Requirements, or the discharges shall cease and residual liquid wastes shall be removed and disposed of at an appropriately regulated discharge facility.

36. The deadlines set forth herein are reasonable given the need to investigate the potential threat to groundwater and surface water quality.
37. In accordance with Water Code section 13267(b) these findings provide Valley Water with a written explanation with regard to the need for remedial action and reports, and identify the evidence that supports the requirement to implement investigative activities, to implement cease and desist activities if needed, and to submit the reports. Valley Water owns and operates the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility which are subject to this Cease and Desist Order. The technical and monitoring reports required by this Order are necessary to determine compliance with this Cease and Desist Order. The actions and reports required by this Order are needed to provide information to provide information to the Central Valley Water Board regarding (a) the nature and extent of the discharge, (b) the nature and extent of pollution in waters of the State and/or U.S. created by the discharge, (c) the threat to public health posed by the discharge; and (d) appropriate cease and desist measures. Based on the nature and possible consequences of the discharges, including the contamination of surface water or groundwater, or impacts to groundwater recharge areas, the burden of the required tasks, including the costs, bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the tasks and reports, and the benefits to be obtained from the tasks and information.
38. Issuance of this Cease and Desist Order is being taken for the protection of the environment and as such is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15061(b)(3), 15306, 15307, 15308, and 15321. This Cease and Desist Order generally requires Valley Water to submit plans for approval prior to implementation of cleanup activities at the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility. Mere submission of plans is exempt from CEQA as submission will not cause a direct or indirect physical change in the environment and/or is an activity that cannot possibly have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA review at this time would be premature and speculative, as there is simply not enough information concerning Valley Water's proposed remedial activities and possible associated environmental impacts.
39. If the Regional Board determines that implementation of any plan required by this Cease and Desist Order will have a significant effect on the environment, the Regional Board will conduct the necessary and appropriate environmental review prior to the Assistant Executive Officer's approval of the applicable plan. The Discharger will bear the costs, including the Regional Board's costs, of determining whether implementation of any plan required by this Cease and Desist Order will have a significant effect on the environment and, if so, in preparing, handling, and providing any documents necessary for environmental review. If necessary, the Discharger and a consultant acceptable to the Regional Board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Regional Board regarding such costs prior to undertaking any environmental review.
As a result of the events and activities described in this Order, the Central Valley Water Board finds that a discharge of waste in violation of the Basin Plan has polluted groundwater. This Order requires Valley Water to take appropriate remedial action and to comply in accordance with the time schedule set forth below.
40. This Cease and Desist Order is based upon: 1) Chapter 5, Enforcement and Implementation commencing with section 13300, of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code Division 7, commencing with section 13000); 2) Water Code section 13267, Investigations; inspections, Chapter 4, Regional Water Quality Control; 3) all applicable provisions of the Basin Plan including beneficial uses, water quality

objectives, and implementation plans; 4) California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 68-16 (*Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California*); 5) State Water Board Resolution No. 92-49 (*Policies and Procedures for Investigation and Cleanup and Abatement of Discharges Under Water Code section 13304*); and 6) all other applicable legal authority.

41. Water Code section 13267 subdivision (b)(1) states, in relevant part:

In conducting an investigation specified in subdivision (a), the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region ... shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the regional board requires. The burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.

42. On 30/31 July 2015, in Rancho Cordova, California, after due notice to the Discharger and all other affected persons, the Central Valley Water Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received to consider an Order under Water Code section 13301 to establish a time schedule to achieve compliance with the Basin Plan or cease discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Water Code sections 13301 and 13267, Valley Water Management Company shall implement the following measures necessary in order to comply with the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition*, and this Order.

This Order requires the submission of technical reports. These technical reports shall contain the information and decisions required by the following paragraphs. If a report is submitted without the required information or decision, then the Discharger is in violation of this Order and subject to additional enforcement.

1. **By 15 August 2015**, Valley Water shall cease all discharge other than to established impoundments.
2. **By 15 August 2015**, Valley Water shall prepare and submit to the Central Valley Water Board a report containing the results of the entire Phase 2 Subsurface Investigation for the impacts or threatened impacts of wastewater discharges at the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility to the groundwater, soils, and surface water.
3. **By 31 August 2015**, Valley Water shall submit a report that contains the amount of wastewater discharged to the Facility for the period from 1 January 2010 through 31 December 2014. The report shall tabulate the volume on a monthly and annual basis, provide the average monthly discharge per year, and the average annual discharge for each year.

4. **By 30 September 2015**, Valley Water shall submit the Phase 3 Work Plan for the Race Track Hill Facility. The Work Plan shall be complete and approvable by the Assistant Executive Officer (or for his/her delegate's approval) and shall detail the following activities and shall include a time schedule detailing the sequence of the work plan activities and the time frame for completing each activity:
- (a) Continue the hydrogeological site characterization to determine the nature and extent of the release of waste constituents consistent with the evaluation monitoring program requirements contained in Title 27;
 - (b) Prepare and submit a Water Quality Protection Standard Report proposing statistical data analysis methods to calculate concentration limits for each Constituent of Concern specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2015-XXXX.
 - (c) Identify and sample water supply wells located within one-mile of the Race Track Hill Facility and analyze the samples for waste constituents of concern;
 - (d) Analyze groundwater, surface water, and soil samples at a California certified laboratory in accordance with the SAP submitted as part of the Phase I Work Plan (see Finding No. 28) and approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate);
 - (e) Following the characterization of the nature and extent of the release, a groundwater, surface water, and/or soil remediation program shall be submitted for Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate) review and approval that is consistent with the corrective action program requirements contained in Title 27. This will entail the preparation of an engineering feasibility study followed by a proposed corrective action program;
 - (f) Implementation of BMPs to minimize further discharges of waste to groundwater, surface waters, or soils;
 - (g) Based on information acquired during the hydrogeological site characterization, submit a revised report of waste discharge, if appropriate, for revision of the waste discharge requirements consistent with current regulations and policies;
5. **By 31 October 2015**, Valley Water shall submit the Phase 3 Work Plan for the Fee 34 Facility. The Work Plan shall be complete and approvable by the Assistant Executive Officer (or for his/her delegate's approval) and shall detail the following activities and shall include a time schedule detailing the sequence of the work plan activities and the time frame for completing each activity:
- (a) Conduct a hydrogeological site characterization to determine any wastewater impacts to the unsaturated zone and the groundwater underlying the Fee 34 Facility.
 - (b) Prepare and submit a Water Quality Protection Standard Report proposing statistical data analysis methods to calculate concentration limits for each Constituent of Concern specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2015-XXXX.
 - (c) Identify and sample water supply wells located within one-mile of the Fee 34 Facility and analyze the samples for waste constituents of concern;

- (d) Analyze groundwater, surface water, and soil samples at a California certified laboratory in accordance with the SAP submitted as part of the Phase I Work Plan (see Finding No. 28) and approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate);
6. If the a release of waste constituents has impacted the unsaturated zone or the groundwater underlying the Fee 34 Facility, then Valley Water shall complete the following as part of a Phase 4 investigation:
 - (a) Conduct a hydrogeological site characterization to determine the nature and extent of any release of waste constituents consistent with the evaluation monitoring program requirements contained in Title 27;
 - (b) Following the characterization of the nature and extent of the release, a groundwater, surface water, and/or soil remediation program shall be submitted for Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate) review and approval that is consistent with the corrective action program requirements contained in Title 27. This will entail the preparation of an engineering feasibility study followed by a proposed corrective action program;
 - (c) Implement BMPs to minimize further discharges of waste to groundwater, surface waters, or soils;
 - (d) Based on information acquired during the hydrogeological site characterization, submit a revised report of waste discharge, if appropriate, for revision of the waste discharge requirements consistent with current regulations and policies.
7. Valley Water shall implement the Phase 3 Work Plans, the Fee 34 Facility Phase 4 Work Plan (if required), and any additional work required as approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate) in accordance with the approved time schedule included in the Work Plan and the deadlines indicated in Monitoring and Reporting Program No. XXXXX.
8. Beginning **1 November 2015**, or a date approved by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate), and quarterly thereafter until all Work Plan activities are complete, Valley Water shall submit technical reports that provide information to document the Work Plan activities completed to date and to ultimately document that all elements of the Work Plan have been completed. Corrective actions shall be proposed and included in these technical reports when Work Plan activities fail to satisfy any interim or final success criteria.
9. **By 31 December 2016**, discharges at both the Fee 34 Facility and Race Track Hill Facility shall be able to comply with one of the General Waste Discharge Requirements that are anticipated to be considered by the Central Valley Water Board in the spring or summer of 2016, or the discharges shall cease and the Discharge shall submit a Closure Plan and Time Schedule to remove the residual liquid waste and implement closure of the ponds.

10. If it is determined that discharges from the Fee 34 Facility or Race Track Hill Facility have impaired the beneficial use of water, Valley Water can be further required upon notification by the Assistant Executive Officer (or his/her delegate) to provide a replacement water supply or treat the water to allow continued use.

Other Requirements

11. **Electronic and Paper Media Reporting Requirements.** Valley Water shall submit both electronic and paper copies of all reports required under this Cease and Desist Order including work plans, technical reports, and monitoring reports. Larger documents shall be divided into separate files at logical places in the report to keep file sizes under 150 megabytes. Valley Water shall continue to provide a paper transmittal letter, a paper copy of all figures larger than 8.5 inches by 14 inches (legal size), and an electronic copy (on Compact Disc [CD] or other appropriate media) of all reports to the Central Valley Water Board. All paper correspondence and documents submitted to the Central Valley Water Board shall include the following identification numbers in the header or subject line: Fee 34 Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005197; and Race Track Hill Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005199. Valley Water shall comply with the following reporting requirements for all reports and plans (and amendments thereto) required by this Order:
 - (a) Reports and Plans Required by this Order. Valley Water shall submit one paper and one electronic, searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) copy of all technical reports, monitoring reports, progress reports, and plans required by this Order. The PDF copy of all the reports shall also be uploaded into the Geotracker database, as required by Reporting Requirement 2.(b)(iv) below.
 - (b) Electronic Data Submittals to the Central Valley Water Board in compliance with the Cease and Desist Order are required to be submitted electronically via the Internet into the Geotracker database (Fee 34 Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005197; and Race Track Hill Facility Geotracker Site ID: T1000005199). The electronic data shall be uploaded on or prior to the regulatory due dates set forth in the Cease and Desist Order or addenda thereto. To comply with these requirements, Valley Water shall upload to the Geotracker database the following minimum information:
 - (1) Laboratory Analytical Data: Analytical data (including geochemical data) for all waste, soil, and water samples shall be submitted in Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF), which facilitates the transfer of data from the laboratory to the end user. Waste, soil, and water include analytical results of samples collected from the following locations and devices: surface samples, equipment, monitoring wells, boreholes, gas and vapor wells or other collection devices, surface water, groundwater, piezometers, and stockpiles.
 - (2) Locational Data: All permanent monitoring locations (monitoring wells, sediment sampling locations, surface water sampling locations, etc.) shall be surveyed with latitude and longitude coordinates in a decimal degree format based on the North American Datum 1983 ellipsoid, and accurate to within one meter (3 feet) and elevation data accurate to 0.01 feet.

- (3) **Site Maps:** Site maps which display discharge locations, streets bordering the Facilities, and sampling locations for all waste, soil, and water samples. A site map is a stand-alone document that may be submitted in various electronic formats. Site maps must also be uploaded to show the maximum extent of any soil impact and water pollution. An update to the site maps may be uploaded at any time.
- (4) **Electronic Report:** A complete copy (in character searchable PDF) of all work plans, work plan modifications, assessment, cleanup, and monitoring reports including the signed transmittal letters, professional certifications, and all data presented in the reports.
12. **Duty to Use Qualified Professionals.** As required by the California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, all reports shall be prepared by, or under the supervision of, a California Registered Engineer or Professional Geologist and signed by the registered professional. Each technical report submitted by Valley Water shall contain the professional's signature and/or stamp of the seal.
13. **Signatory Requirements.** All reports required under this Cease and Desist Order shall be signed and certified by Valley Water or by a duly authorized representative and submitted to the Central Valley Water Board. A person is a duly authorized representative only if: 1) The authorization is made in writing by Valley Water; and 2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity. (A duly authorized representative may be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.)
14. With each report required by this Cease and Desist Order, Valley Water shall provide under penalty of perjury under the laws of California a "Certification" statement to the Central Valley Water Board. The "Certification" shall include the following signed statement:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. Pursuant to Water Code section 13350, any person who violates a cease and desist order may be liable administratively or civilly in an amount up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each day in which the cease and desist order is violated.

15. All monitoring and technical reports required under this Cease and Desist Order shall be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
1685 E Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93706
Attn: Ron Holcomb
Geotracker Site ID No.: T10000005197 or T10000005199

If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement or may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability.

Failure to comply with this Order, Order 92-110, Order 92-11037, or Resolution 58-349 may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to the Water Code, including sections 13268, 13350 and 13385. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050, et seq. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality

or will be provided upon request.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on XX July 2015.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

(Date)

REH: 15 May 2015

EXHIBIT 3

VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY

7500 MEANY AVE.
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93308

June 15, 2015

Mr. Ronald Holcomb
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Valley Water Management Company (VWMC) has enclosed with this letter technical report a summary table presenting analytical data as required by CVRWQCB's order (Order) under the California Water Code Directive Pursuant to Section 13267, dated April 1, 2015 and received by VWMC on April 6, 2015.

Produced water in the ponds at our facilities listed in Appendix A of the Order was sampled and analyzed by Zalco Laboratories, Inc. in accordance with the water quality analysis and reporting requirements outlined in Appendix B of the Order. VWMC staff observed the sampling at each facility and Zalco's staff performed the sampling in accordance with the required practices. In instances where a pond at one of VWMC's facilities was determined to be dry and/or permanently out of service, Zalco verified this and issued a report on the attempted sampling event. In addition, samples collected in March 2015, prior to the Order, by Precision Analytical and processed by Zalco are included in the summary table and on the enclosed location maps.

Enclosed with this letter technical report and submitted electronically by VWMC, you will find a summary table providing the analytical data as well as sample dates, facility names, locations and other available information as required by the Order. In addition, VWMC has enclosed simple facility location maps with sample locations shown.

Any questions regarding this submittal may be directed to me at (661) 410-7500, czimmerman@vwwater.com, or at the address in this letterhead.

Sincerely,



Christine Zimmerman
Regulatory Implementation & Compliance
Valley Water Management Company



Google earth

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meters 500

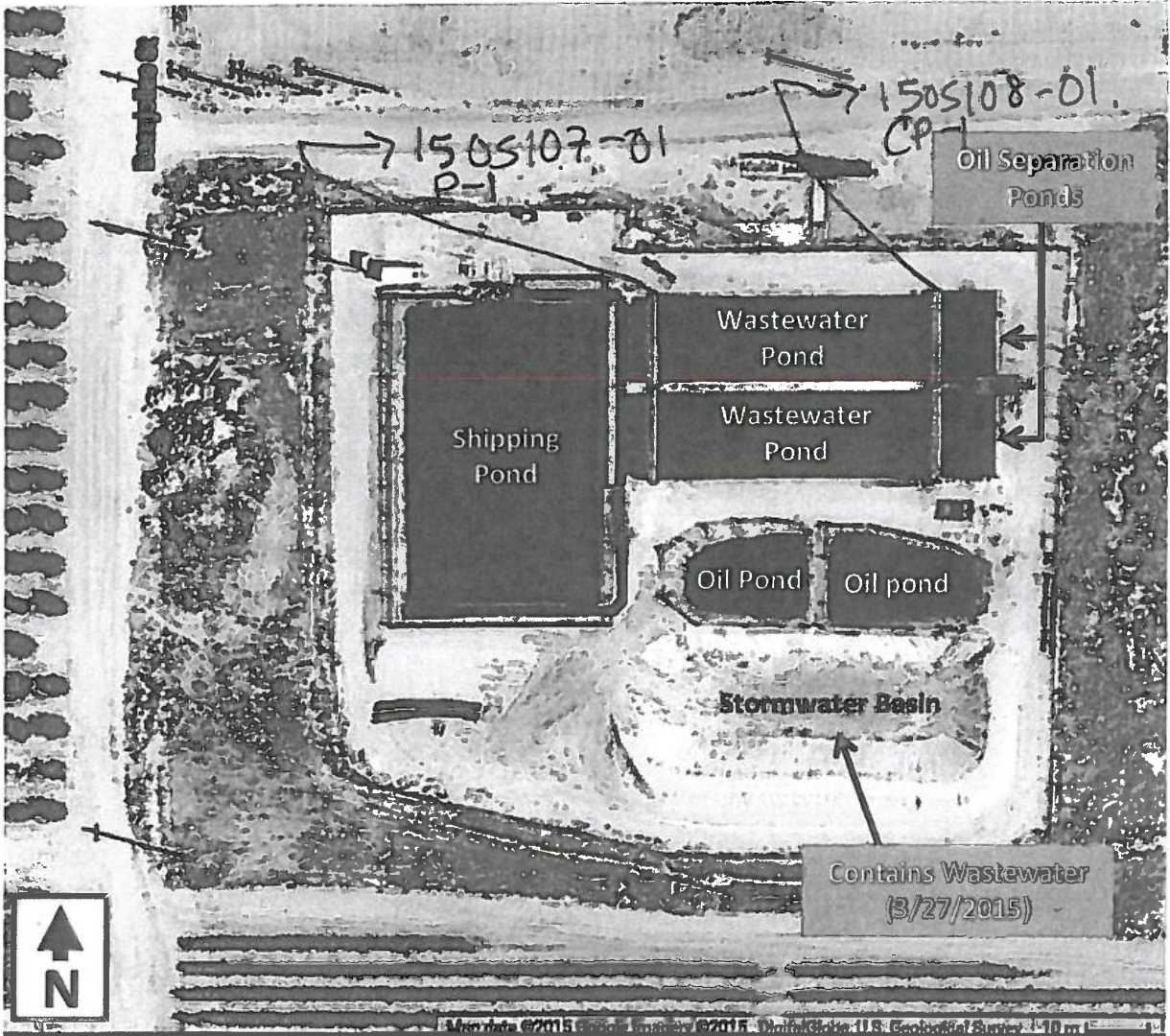


Kern Front No. 2.

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CP-1

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Attachment 1: Fee 34 C-Plant Facility

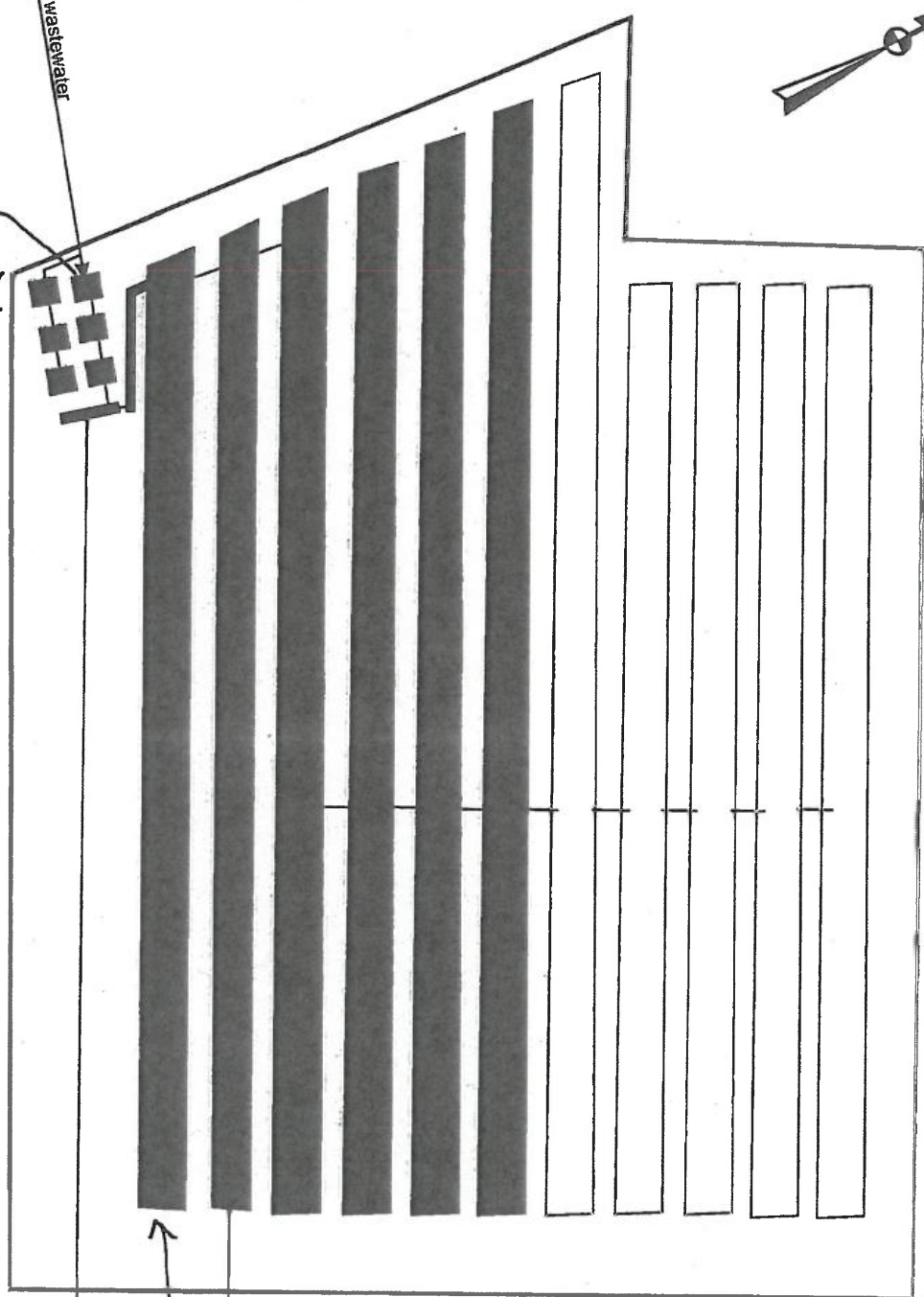
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Incoming wastewater



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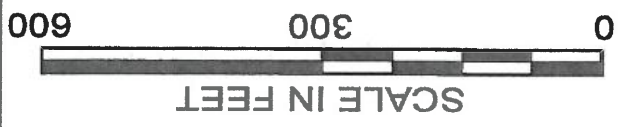
— Gravity drainage pipes (various lengths)

Valley Water Management Company
Mckittrick 1 Facility
Kern County

Figure 3

Valley Water Management Company
McKittrick 1-3 Facility
Kern County

Figure 2



— Gravity drainage pipes
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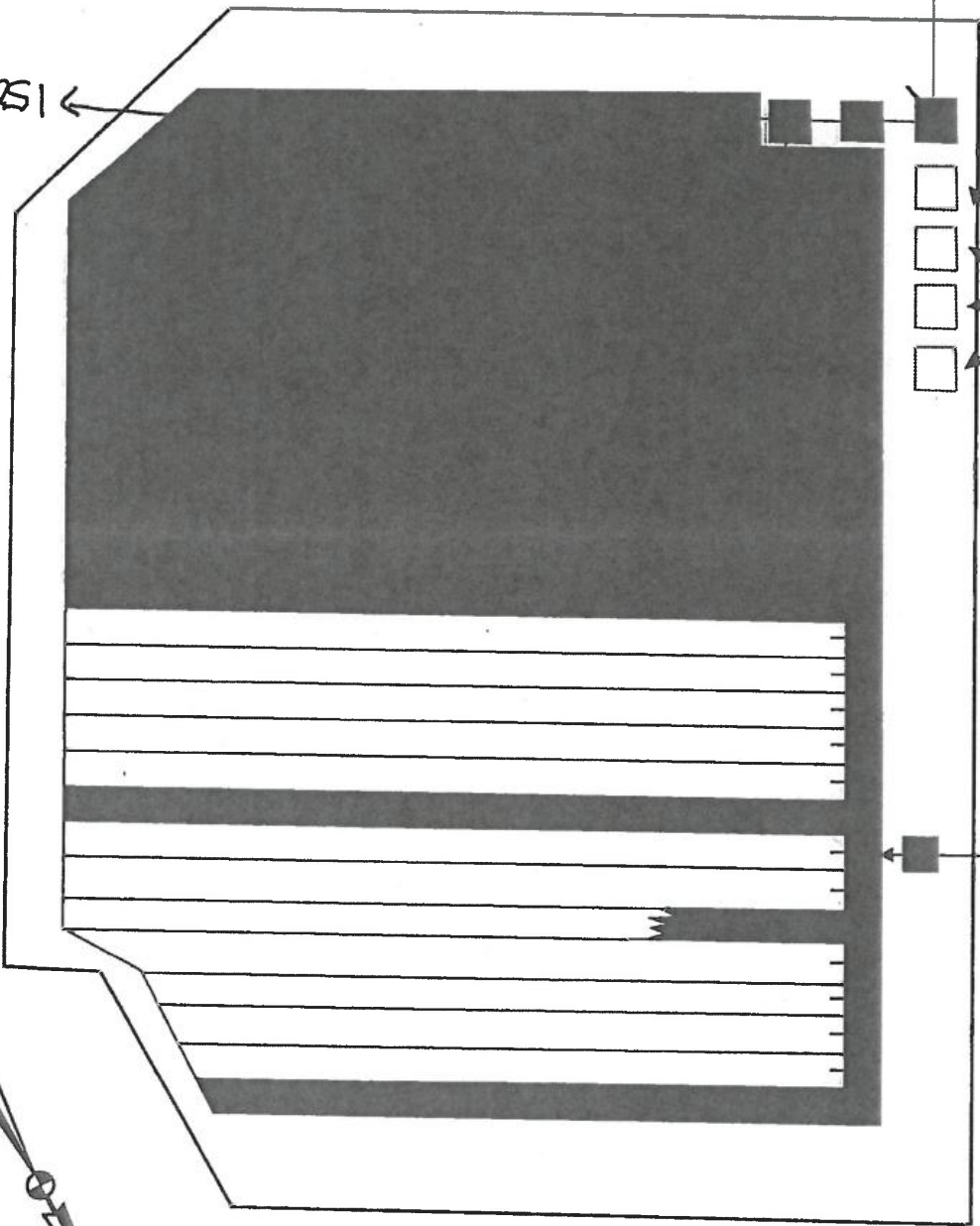
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Incoming wastewater

Temporary ponds added for additional storage capacity

Incoming wastewater
Ditch from McKittrick 1

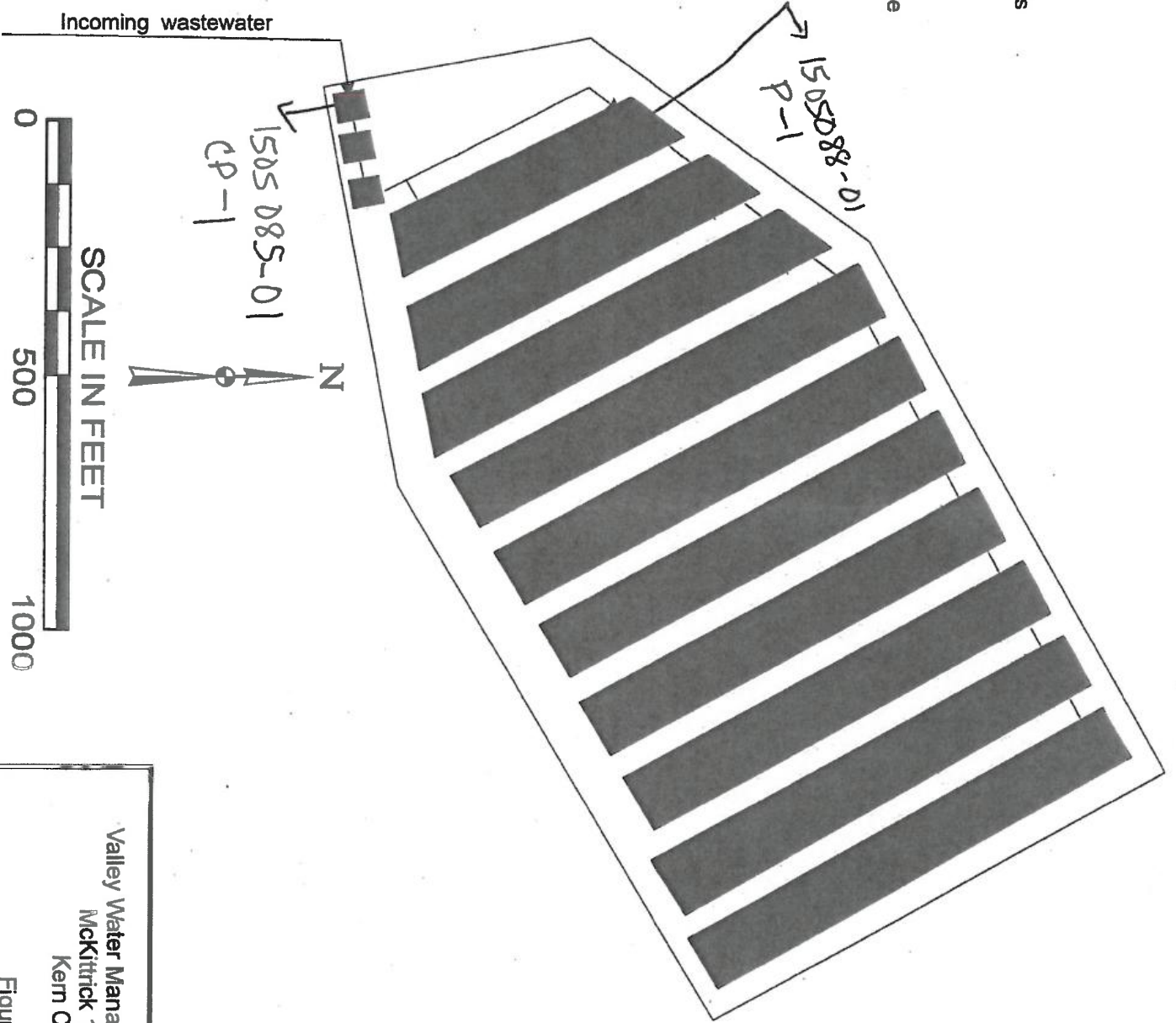
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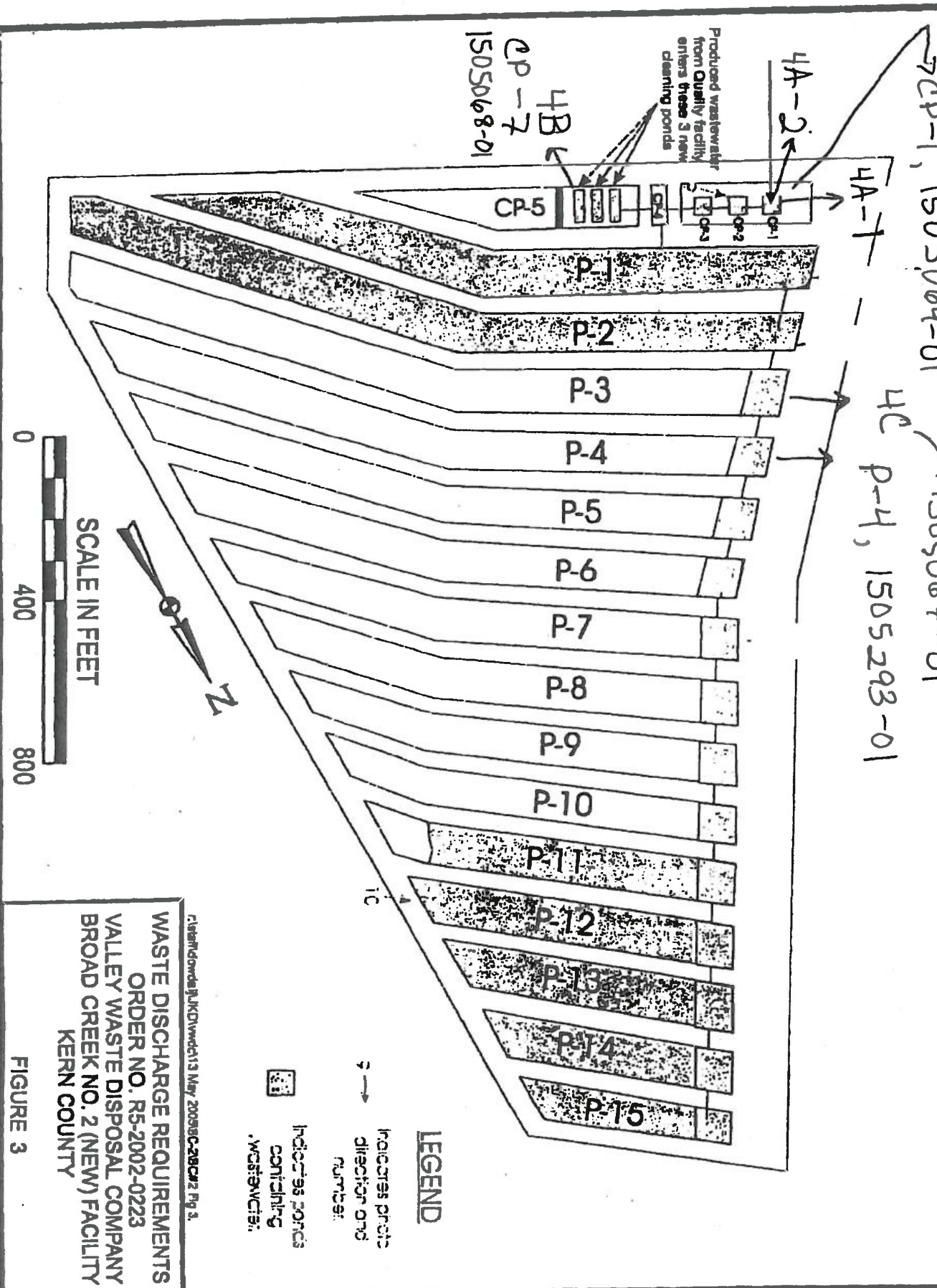
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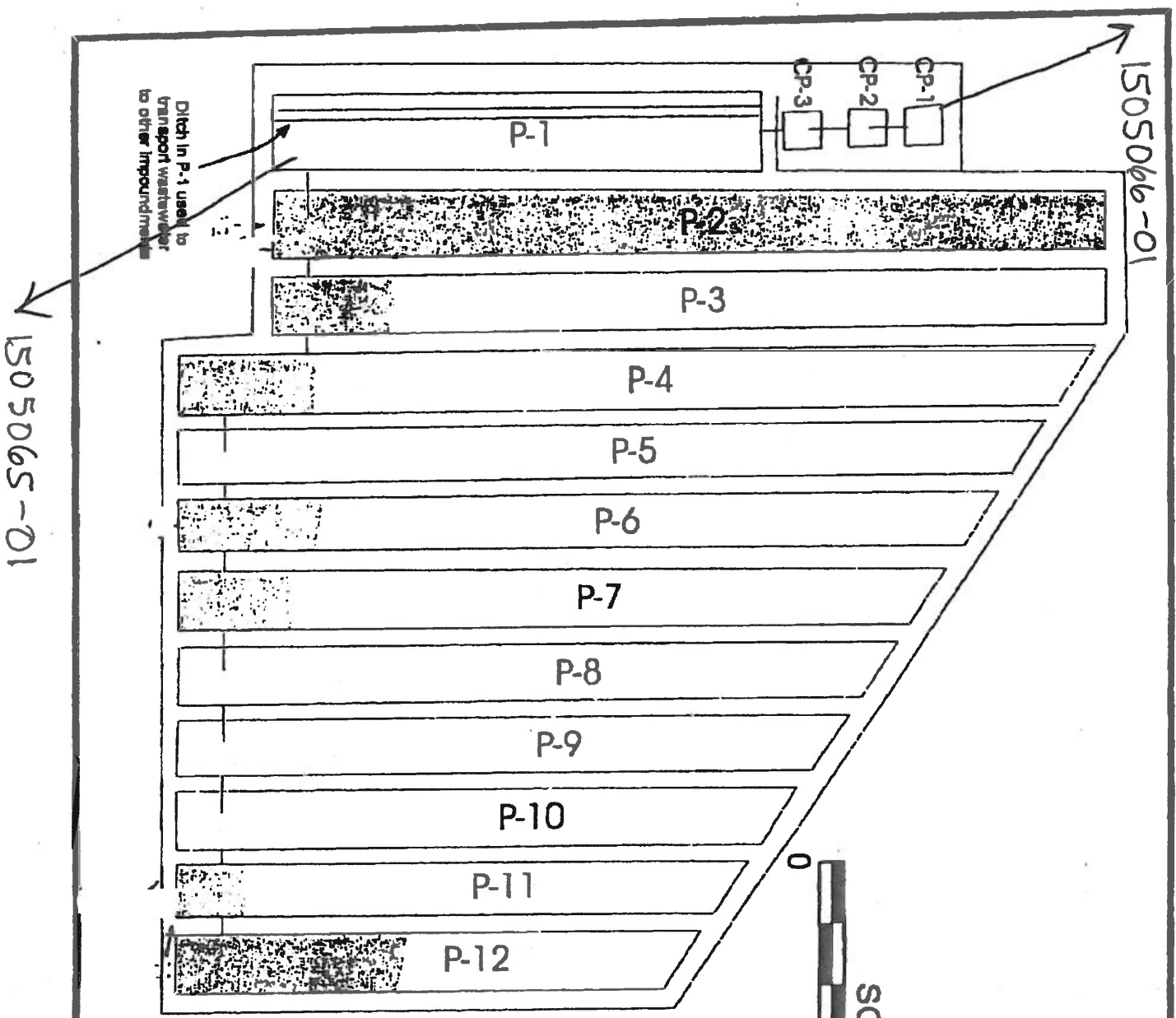


Valley Water Management Company
McKittrick 1-1 Facility
Kern County
Figure 2



WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
 ORDER NO. R5-2002-0223
 VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
 BROAD CREEK NO. 2 (NEW) FACILITY
 KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 3

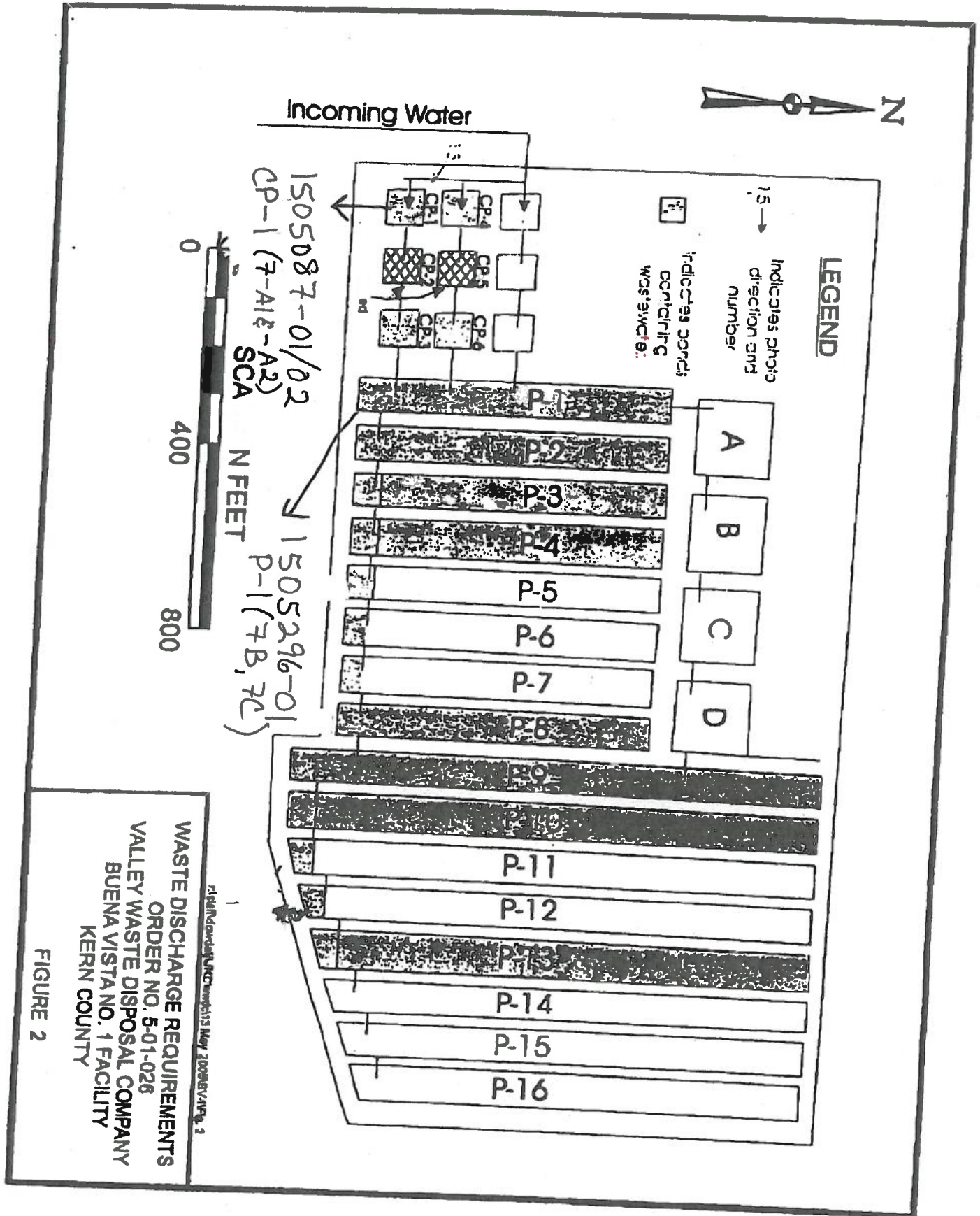


WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
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 VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
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 KERN COUNTY

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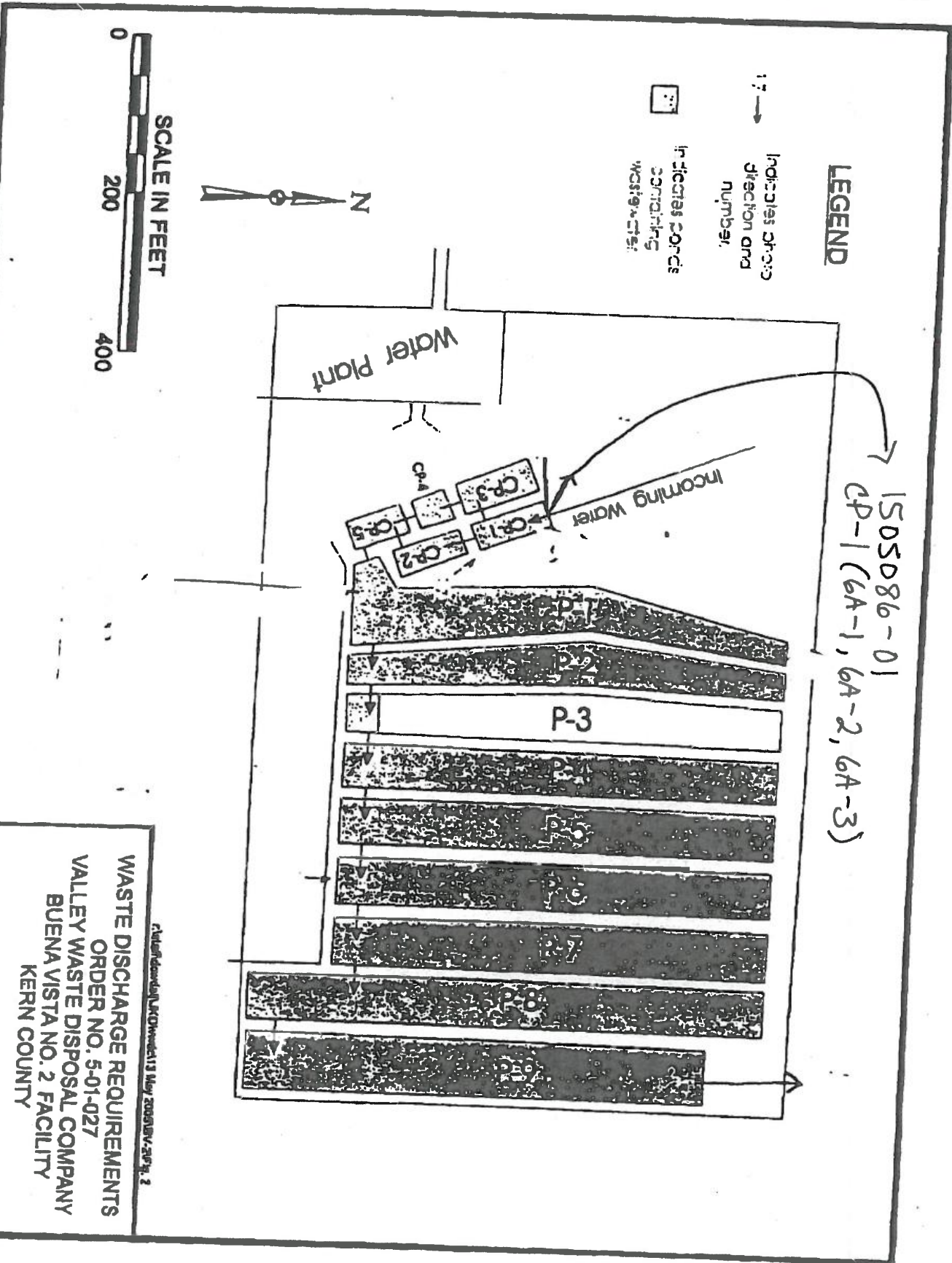
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 [Stippled Box] indicates disposal cells containing wastewater.
 [Arrow] indicates ditch direction and number.

FIGURE 2



WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
 ORDER NO. 5-01-026
 VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
 BUENA VISTA NO. 1 FACILITY
 KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 2



WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
 ORDER NO. 5-01-027
 VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
 BUENA VISTA NO. 2 FACILITY
 KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 2

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CP-1

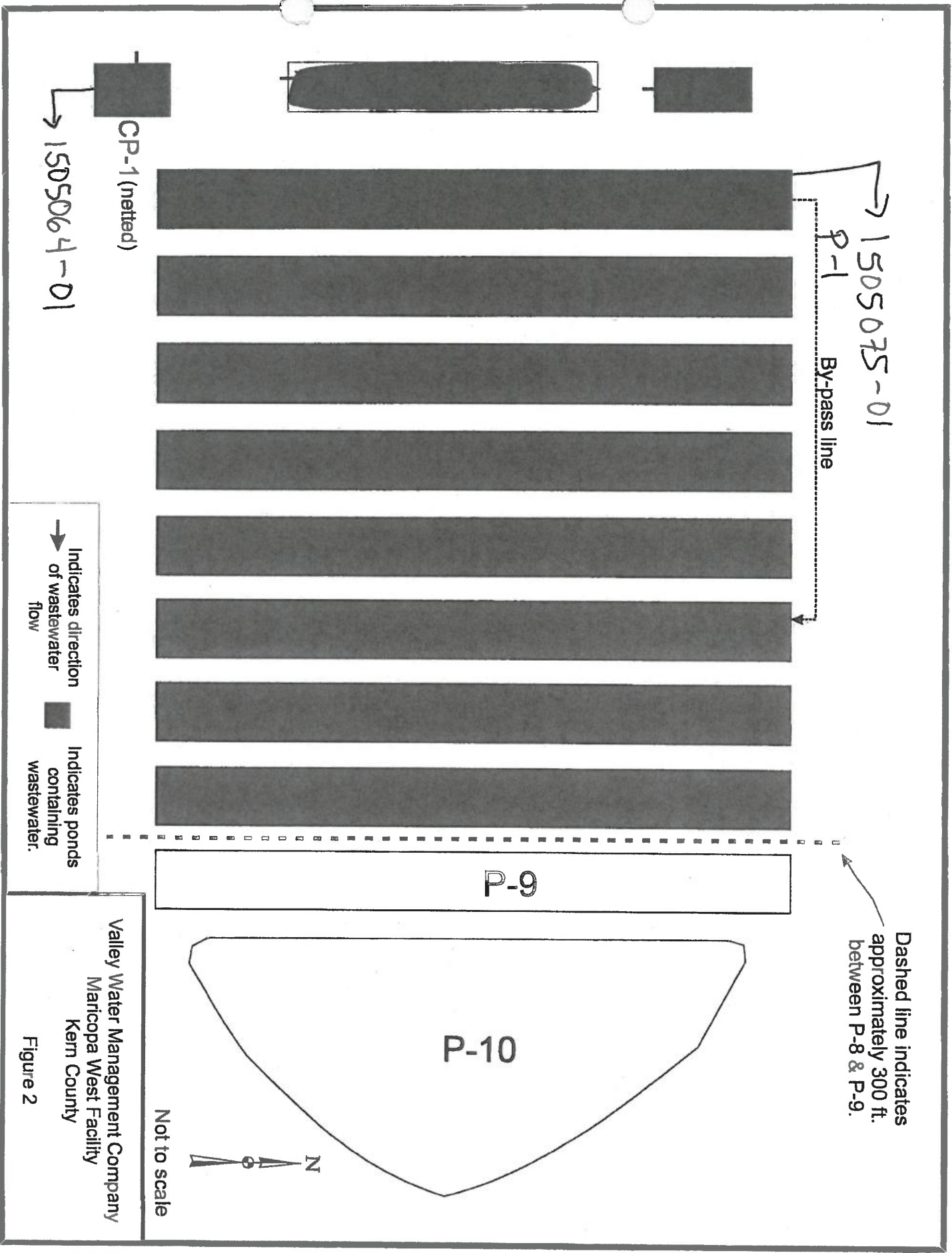
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Maricopa East

1505076-01
P-1



Dashed line indicates approximately 300 ft. between P-8 & P-9.

1505075-01
P-1

By-pass line

CP-1 (netted)

1505064-01

P-9

P-10

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Not to scale

Indicates direction of wastewater flow

Indicates ponds containing wastewater.

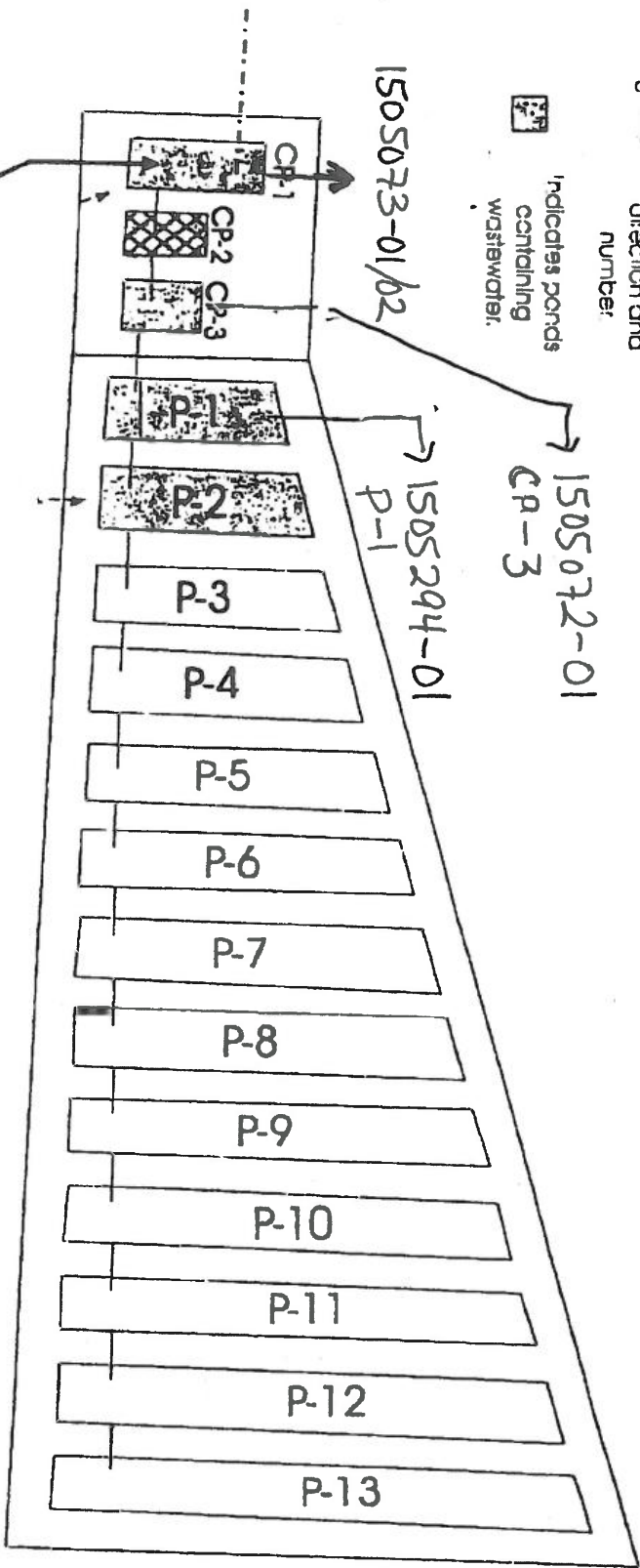
Valley Water Management Company
Maricopa West Facility
Kern County

Figure 2

LEGEND

3 → indicates photo direction and number

☐ indicates ponds containing wastewater.



1505073-01/02

1505072-01

1505294-01

CP-3



WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. 5-01-029
VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
SOUTHEAST TAFT OLD FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

FIGURE 2

Field: Edison
 Lease: C-Plant Fee 34
 Facility Lat/Long: 35.354961/-118.860055

Edison
 Racetrack Hill
 35.392863/-118.821173

MWSS/BV
 McKittrick No. 1
 35.386157/-119648724

Zalco Sample ID# 1505108-01
 Date(s) Sample Taken 5/8/2015

1505107-01
 5/8/2015

1505089-01
 5/7/2015

1505090-01
 5/7/2015

Sample Name/Location (Key): P-1

Constituent TDS @ 180°C

Units mg/L

detection limit

reporting limit

Antimony and/or antimony compounds

Arsenic and/or arsenic compounds

Barium

Beryllium

Cadmium

Chromium

Cobalt

Copper

Fluoride

Lead

Mercury

Molybdenum

Nickel

Selenium

Silver

Thallium

Vanadium

Zinc

BTEX

Benzene

Toluene

Ethylbenzene

Xylenes

TPH

a,a,-Trifluorotoluene

Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons

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Strontium	0.1	mg/L	1.1	1.1	1.1	4.3	4.3
Manganese	0.03	mg/L	0.092	0.087	0.038	0.08	0.085
Iron	0.1	mg/L	ND	0.17	0.17	0.11	0.1



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June 12, 2015

Christine L. Zimmerman
Valley Water Management Company
7500 Meany Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

TEL: (661) 205-2885
FAX: (661) 410-7500

Project ID:
RE: 1505107

Dear Christine L. Zimmerman:

Zalco Laboratories, Inc. received 1 samples on 5/8/2015 for the analyses presented in the following report.

We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the future. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions regarding these test results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Magana", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Juan Magana
Project Manager
CC:

NSS: Non Sufficient Sample H: Exceeds Analysis Hold Time TTL: Total Threshold Limit Concentration STLC: Soluble Threshold Limit Concentration TCLP: Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level *: See Case Narrative

The results in this report apply to the samples analyzed in accordance with the chain of custody document. This analytical report must be reproduced in its entirety.

Note: Samples analyzed for regulatory purposes should be put on ice immediately after sampling and received by the laboratory at temperatures between 0-6°C. Microbiological analysis requires samples to be at least 4-10°C when received at the laboratory. For additional information regarding the limitations of the method(s) referred to, please call us at 661-395-0539.



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Valley Water Management Company 7500 Meany Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93308	Project: RWQCB Oilfield Ponds - 2Q2015 Project #: Attention: Christine L. Zimmerman	Work Order No.: 1505107 Reported: 06/12/2015 Received: 05/08/2015 13:45
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Lab Sample ID: 1505107-01	Collected By: Justin Graves
Client Sample ID: C-Plant Fee 34 P-1	Date Collected: 5/8/2015 8:50:00AM

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Alkalinity								
Total Alkalinity	370	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	370	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Carbonate (CO3)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Hydroxide (OH)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
CAM, Toxicity (17 Metals)								
			<i>TTLC Limits</i>					
Antimony	<0.20	0.20	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Arsenic	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Barium	0.42	0.10	10000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Beryllium	<0.010	0.010	75	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cadmium	<0.010	0.010	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Chromium	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cobalt	<0.10	0.10	8000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Copper	0.11	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Lead	<0.050	0.050	1000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Mercury	<0.0020	0.0020	20	mg/L	SW846 7470A	5/12/15	5/12/15	SS
Molybdenum	<0.10	0.10	3500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Nickel	<0.050	0.050	2000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Selenium	<0.05	0.05	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Silver	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Thallium	<0.50	0.50	700	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Vanadium	<0.10	0.10	2400	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Zinc	0.15	0.050	5000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
General Chemistry								
			<i>MCL Limits</i>					
Fluoride	<5.0	5.0	2	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Nitrate as NO3	<100	100	45	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Electrical Conductivity	4.4	0.010		mmhos/cm	SM 2510B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bromide	5.7	0.10		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Chloride	1300	100		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
pH	7.68			pH Units	EPA 150.1	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Sulfate as SO4	9.9	0.50		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Total Dissolved Solids	2500	10		mg/L	SM 2540C	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Hardness								

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Lab Sample ID: 1505107-01 Client Sample ID: C-Plant Fee 34 P-1	Collected By: Justin Graves Date Collected: 5/8/2015 8:50:00AM
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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Hardness								
Hardness (as CaCO3)	240	2.0	mg/L		SM 2340B	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Metals								
Lithium	0.32	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Metals - As Received								
Magnesium	11	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Potassium	11	0.50	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Sodium	830	70	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Calcium	75	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Iron	0.17	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Boron	12	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Barium	0.46	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Copper	0.054	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Silica (SiO2)	60	4.0	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Strontium	1.1	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Manganese	0.087	0.030	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Petroleum Hydrocarbons								
Diesel Range Hydrocarbons	3.93	0.50	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/21/15	BIG
Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons	2.94	0.250	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Motor Oil Range Hydrocarbons	<0.15	0.15	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/21/15	BIG

Surrogates	% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag
a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene	103	69-125	5/20/15 15:05

Semivolatile Organic Compounds

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Naphthalene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Acenaphthylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Acenaphthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Fluorene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Phenanthrene	5.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM

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Table with 3 columns: Client/Project info, Project details, and Work Order/Reporting info.

Table with 2 columns: Lab/Client Sample IDs and Collection/Date info.

Main analytical results table for Semivolatile Organic Compounds with columns: Analyte, Results, PQL, Units, Flag, Method, Date Prepared, Date Analyzed, Init.

Table for Surrogates with columns: Surrogates, % Recovery, Recovery Limits, Flag, Date, Time.

Subcontracted Analyses

Table for Subcontracted Analyses with columns: Analyte, Results, PQL, Units, Method, Date Prepared, Date Analyzed, Init.

Volatile Organic Compounds

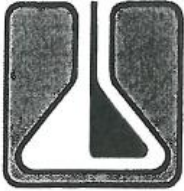
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June 12, 2015

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Valley Water Management Company
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TEL: (661) 205-2885
FAX: (661) 410-7500

Project ID:
RE: 1505108

Dear Christine L. Zimmerman:

Zalco Laboratories, Inc. received 1 samples on 5/8/2015 for the analyses presented in the following report.

We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the future. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions regarding these test results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Magana', is written over a light-colored background.

Juan Magana
Project Manager
CC:

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Lab Sample ID: 1505108-01 Client Sample ID: Edison C-Plant Fee 34 CP-1	Collected By: Justin Graves Date Collected: 5/8/2015 9:00:00AM
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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Alkalinity								
Total Alkalinity	350	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	350	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Carbonate (CO3)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Hydroxide (OH)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
CAM, Toxicity (17 Metals)								
			<i>TTLC Limits</i>					
Antimony	<0.20	0.20	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Arsenic	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Barium	0.37	0.10	10000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Beryllium	<0.010	0.010	75	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cadmium	<0.010	0.010	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Chromium	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cobalt	<0.10	0.10	8000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Copper	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Lead	<0.050	0.050	1000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Mercury	<0.0020	0.0020	20	mg/L	SW846 7470A	5/12/15	5/12/15	SS
Molybdenum	<0.10	0.10	3500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Nickel	<0.050	0.050	2000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Selenium	<0.05	0.05	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Silver	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Thallium	<0.50	0.50	700	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Vanadium	<0.10	0.10	2400	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Zinc	<0.050	0.050	5000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
General Chemistry								
			<i>MCL Limits</i>					
Fluoride	<0.10	0.10	2	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Nitrate as NO3	<2.00	2.00	45	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Electrical Conductivity	4.4	0.010		mmhos/cm	SM 2510B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bromide	5.6	0.10		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Chloride	1300	100		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
pH	7.58			pH Units	EPA 150.1	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Sulfate as SO4	9.7	0.50		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Total Dissolved Solids	2400	10		mg/L	SM 2540C	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM

Hardness

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Lab Sample ID: 1505108-01 Client Sample ID: Edison C-Plant Fee 34 CP-1	Collected By: Justin Graves Date Collected: 5/8/2015 9:00:00AM
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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Hardness								
Hardness (as CaCO3)	240	2.0	mg/L		SM 2340B	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Metals								
Lithium	0.33	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Metals - As Received								
Magnesium	10	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Potassium	11	0.50	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Sodium	780	70	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Calcium	79	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Iron	<0.10	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Boron	13	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Barium	0.43	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Copper	0.052	0.050	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Silica (SiO2)	59	4.0	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Strontium	1.1	0.10	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Manganese	0.092	0.030	mg/L		EPA 200.7	5/15/15	5/15/15	SS
Petroleum Hydrocarbons								
Diesel Range Hydrocarbons	2.01	0.05	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/21/15	BIG
Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons	7.26	0.250	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Motor Oil Range Hydrocarbons	2.05	0.15	mg/L		SW846 8015B	5/20/15	5/21/15	BIG
Surrogates								
		% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag				
a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene		111	69-125				5/20/15 15:05	

Semivolatile Organic Compounds

Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Naphthalene	37.7	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Acenaphthylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Acenaphthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Fluorene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Phenanthrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L	SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM

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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Semivolatile Organic Compounds								
Fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (a) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Chrysene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (b) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (k) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (a) pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Dibenz (a,h) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Surrogates								
		% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag				

Nitrobenzene-d5	39.8	0-95				5/20/15	14:28	
2-Fluorobiphenyl	30.7	0-92				5/20/15	14:28	
Terphenyl-d14	12.1	0-100				5/20/15	14:28	

Subcontracted Analyses

Gross Alpha	<15.0	15.0	pCi/L		SM 7110C	5/26/15	5/27/15	MCS
Radium-226	<3.00	3.00	pCi/L		E903.1	5/18/15	5/22/15	MCS
Radium-228	<2.00	2.00	pCi/L		EPA Ra-05	5/28/15	5/30/15	MCS
Uranium (ug/L)	<20.0	20.0	pCi/L		E908	5/29/15	5/29/15	MCS

Volatile Organic Compounds

m,p-Xylene	759	25.0	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Benzene	2410	250	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Xylenes, total	1110		ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether	<5.00	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Ethylbenzene	64.2	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Toluene	2210	250	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
o-Xylene	354	25.0	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP

Surrogates								
		% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag				
1,2-Dichloroethane-d4	93.3	89-165				5/20/15	9:19	
Toluene-d8	98.8	65-124				5/20/15	9:19	
4-Bromofluorobenzene	89.4*	94-114		S-GC		5/20/15	9:19	

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June 1, 2015

Lab ID : SP 1505247-001

Customer ID : 2-249

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Sampled On : May 8, 2015-09:00

Sampled By : Not Available

Received On : May 12, 2015-11:30

Matrix : Water

Description : 1505108-01

Project : 1505108

Sample Result - Radio

Constituent	Result ± Error	MDA	Units	MCL/AL	Sample Preparation		Sample Analysis	
					Method	Date/ID	Method	Date/ID
Radio Chemistry^b								
Gross Alpha	5.44 ± 5.34	7.11	pCi/L	15/5	900.0	05/26/15-08:00 2P1506046	900.0	05/27/15-10:00 2A1507903
Total Alpha Radium (226)	1.21 ± 0.436	0.470	pCi/L	3	903.0	05/18/15-19:30 2P1505776	903.0	05/22/15-07:40 2A1507600
Uranium	0.000 ± 0.449	0.300	pCi/L	20	908.0	05/29/15-06:15 2P1506220	908.0	05/29/15-17:31 2A1508054
Ra 228	0.423 ± 1.32	0.506	pCi/L	2	Ra - 05	05/28/15-19:30 2P1505775	Ra - 05	05/30/15-13:00 2A1508030

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Drinking Water Compliance:

Gross Alpha (AV) minus Uranium is less than or equal to 15 pCi/L

Uranium is less than or equal to 20 pCi/L

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June 12, 2015

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7500 Meany Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

TEL: (661) 205-2885
FAX: (661) 410-7500

Project ID:
RE: 1505109

Dear Christine L. Zimmerman:

Zalco Laboratories, Inc. received 1 samples on 5/8/2015 for the analyses presented in the following report.

We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you in the future. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions regarding these test results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Magana', is written over a horizontal line.

Juan Magana
Project Manager
CC:

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Lab Sample ID: 1505109-01 Client Sample ID: Edison Reacetrack Hill P-1	Collected By: Justin Graves Date Collected: 5/8/2015 9:40:00AM
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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Alkalinity								
Total Alkalinity	350	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bicarbonate (HCO3)	350	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Carbonate (CO3)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Hydroxide (OH)	<10	10	mg/L		SM 2320B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
CAM, Toxicity (17 Metals)								
<i>TTLC Limits</i>								
Antimony	<0.20	0.20	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Arsenic	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Barium	0.40	0.10	10000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Beryllium	<0.010	0.010	75	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cadmium	<0.010	0.010	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Chromium	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Cobalt	<0.10	0.10	8000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Copper	<0.050	0.050	2500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Lead	<0.050	0.050	1000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Mercury	<0.0020	0.0020	20	mg/L	SW846 7470A	5/12/15	5/12/15	SS
Molybdenum	<0.10	0.10	3500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Nickel	<0.050	0.050	2000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Selenium	<0.05	0.05	100	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Silver	<0.020	0.020	500	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Thallium	<0.50	0.50	700	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Vanadium	<0.10	0.10	2400	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
Zinc	<0.050	0.050	5000	mg/L	SW846 6010B	5/11/15	5/12/15	SS
General Chemistry								
<i>MCL Limits</i>								
Fluoride	<0.10	0.10	2	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Nitrate as NO3	<2.00	2.00	45	mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Electrical Conductivity	4.3	0.010		mmhos/cm	SM 2510B	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Bromide	5.6	0.10		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Chloride	1300	100		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
pH	7.98			pH Units	EPA 150.1	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Sulfate as SO4	9.9	0.50		mg/L	EPA 300.0	5/8/15	5/8/15	MSS
Total Dissolved Solids	2400	10		mg/L	SM 2540C	5/8/15	5/8/15	SAM
Hardness								

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Table with 3 columns: Client Information (Valley Water Management Company), Project Information (RWQCB Oilfield Ponds - 2Q2015), and Work Order Information (1505109).

Table with 2 columns: Sample Information (Lab Sample ID: 1505109-01) and Collection Information (Collected By: Justin Graves).

Main analytical results table with columns: Analyte, Results, PQL, Units, Flag, Method, Date Prepared, Date Analyzed, and Init. Includes sections for Hardness, Metals, Metals - As Received, and Petroleum Hydrocarbons.

Table for Surrogates with columns: Surrogates, % Recovery, Recovery Limits, and Flag. Includes entry for a,a,a-Trifluorotoluene.

Semivolatile Organic Compounds

Table listing Semivolatile Organic Compounds such as Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, Naphthalene, Acenaphthylene, etc., with their respective results and analysis dates.

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Analyte	Results	PQL	Units	Flag	Method	Date Prepared	Date Analyzed	Init.
Semivolatile Organic Compounds								
Fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (a) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Chrysene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (b) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (k) fluoranthene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (a) pyrene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Dibenz (a,h) anthracene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Benzo (g,h,i) perylene	<10.0	10.0	ug/L		SW846 8270C	5/14/15	5/20/15	JMM
Surrogates		% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag				

Nitrobenzene-d5	34.0	0-95				5/20/15 14:28
2-Fluorobiphenyl	34.2	0-92				5/20/15 14:28
Terphenyl-d14	9.95	0-100				5/20/15 14:28

Subcontracted Analyses

Gross Alpha	<15.0	15.0	pCi/L		SM 7110C	5/26/15	5/27/15	MCS
Radium-226	<3.00	3.00	pCi/L		E903.1	5/18/15	5/22/15	MCS
Radium-228	<2.00	2.00	pCi/L		EPA Ra-05	5/28/15	5/30/15	MCS
Uranium (ug/L)	<20.0	20.0	pCi/L		E908	5/29/15	5/29/15	MCS

Volatile Organic Compounds

m,p-Xylene	10.0	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Benzene	42.3	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Xylenes, total	31.5		ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether	<5.00	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Ethylbenzene	<5.00	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Toluene	17.0	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
o-Xylene	21.5	5.00	ug/L		SW846 8260B	5/20/15	5/20/15	HLP
Surrogates		% Recovery	Recovery Limits	Flag				

1,2-Dichloroethane-d4	91.8	89-165				5/20/15 9:19
Toluene-d8	84.8	65-124				5/20/15 9:19
4-Bromofluorobenzene	97.4	94-114				5/20/15 9:19

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June 1, 2015

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 Customer ID : 2-249

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Sampled On : May 8, 2015-09:40
 Sampled By : Not Available
 Received On : May 12, 2015-11:30
 Matrix : Water

Description : 1505109-01
 Project : 1505109

Sample Result - Radio

Constituent	Result ± Error	MDA	Units	MCL/AL	Sample Preparation		Sample Analysis	
					Method	Date/ID	Method	Date/ID
Radio Chemistry^p								
Gross Alpha	5.77 ± 5.42	7.28	pCi/L	15/5	900.0	05/26/15-08:00 2P1506046	900.0	05/27/15-12:00 2A1507901
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 Uranium is less than or equal to 20 pCi/L
 Radium 226 + Radium 228 is less than or equal to 5 pCi/L.

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