

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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## NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

***WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 97-10-DWQ, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH, SEPTIC TANKS AND LEACHFIELD, FRESNO COUNTY***

Trinity Community Church owns and operates an on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) at 12168 North Willow Avenue in Clovis. The OWTS consists of two septic tanks and a leachfield. On 19 September 2002, Trinity submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for discharge to the OWTS. Additional information to complete the RWD was received on 7 February 2003 and 26 March 2003.

Based on information from the RWD, the discharge meets the conditions of *Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (hereafter General Order). The discharge is hereby covered under *Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*. The facility is assigned Notice of Applicability (NOA) No. 97-10-DWQ-R5124.

The following requirements contained within the General Order apply to the subject discharge:

1. All Section A Prohibitions,
2. Section B Requirement Nos. 1.a-1.d, 2.a-2.c, and 5.a-5.b;
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations;
4. Section D Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v, 2.a-2.b, and 4; and
5. All Attachment B Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements.

The following sections of Attachment A Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 97-10-DWQ, apply to the discharge:

1. Septic Tank Monitoring, and
2. Reporting.

## **LOCATION**

The Trinity Community Church site covers 17.59 acres of land (APN 301-031-68) in north-central Fresno County. (Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 21 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian). The OWTS is near the middle of the site. Surface water drainage for the area contributes to the San Joaquin River.

The OWTS is in the San Joaquin River Basin. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition* (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve water quality objectives for all waters of the Basin.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Trinity Community Church is mainly used on Sunday's, with two services with approximately 500 people attending each service. Church infrastructure currently consists of a remodeled residence and a Children's Ministries Building. The current OWTS consists of a 1,500 gallon and a 5,000 gallon septic tanks and 472 linear feet of leach lines. Calculations presented in your RWD estimate wastewater would be generated at a rate of 5 gallons per day per person which would result in a peak flow of 5,000 gallons per day. The septic tank and leachfield were designed to meet this demand. Trinity Community Church has plans to expand the site to include a Worship Center, Family Life Center, Retreat Center, and a Chapel. At full build-out, the peak wastewater flow is anticipated to be 16,150 gallons per day. The timeframe for site expansion is unknown and is based on growth of the church congregation. If Trinity Community Church plans to increase wastewater flows, a new RWD will need to be submitted to support the increase.

The beneficial uses of the adjacent San Joaquin River include: municipal and domestic supply; agricultural supply; industrial process supply; water contact recreation; non-contact water recreation; warm freshwater habitat; cold freshwater habitat; migration of aquatic organisms; spawning, reproduction and/or early development; and wildlife habitat.

The beneficial uses of underlying groundwater identified in the Basin Plan are: municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and agricultural supply.

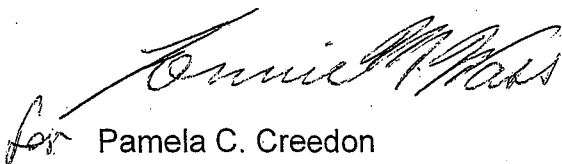
On 14 December 2000, the Fresno County Planning Commission certified Initial Study No. 4569 and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project for the current and future build-out of the site.

### **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the above requirements, Trinity Community Church must comply with the following:

1. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described above is prohibited.
2. The septic tanks and leachfield shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
3. The waste discharge shall not enter surface waters or surface water drainage courses.
4. Trinity Community Church shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board), until the NOA is officially terminated.
5. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order and this letter authorizing applicability, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, could result in enforcement actions, as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Scott Hatton at (559) 444-2502.



for Pamela C. Creedon  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ