



## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

#### **WATER QUALITY ORDER 97-10-DWQ, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, COLONEL ALLENSWORTH STATE HISTORIC PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, TULARE COUNTY**

The Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) provides wastewater services to park guests and staff members. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 95-119 currently regulates the discharge. The WDRs are obsolete, inconsistent with current plans and policies of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), and need to be updated.

On 12 September 2013, the Central Valley Water Board staff received an application and letter from you accepting coverage of the discharge under *Water Quality Order 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (hereafter General Order).

Based on the findings of the original WDRs, information from self-monitoring reports and facility file, and information provided in your recent application, the discharge meets the conditions of the 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-R5143.

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, 5.a-5.b, and 6.a-6.d;
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations;

4. Section D Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v, 2.a-2.b, 4; and
5. All Attachment B Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements.

In lieu of Attachment A, Monitoring and Reporting Program 97-10-DWQ, the California Department of Parks and Recreation shall comply with Monitoring and Program Reporting Program R5-2014-0814, which is enclosed.

## **LOCATION**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation operates the WWTF in Sections 4 and 8, T24S, R24E, MDB&M. The site lies within the Tule Delta Hydrologic Area (558.20) of the Tulare Lake Basin.

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 programs and policies to achieve water quality objectives for all waters of the Basin.

## **DESCRIPTION**

The WWTF consists of four lift stations, nine septic tanks, and an evaporation pond. Domestic wastewater is generated from Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (Park) visitors and staff. Annual celebrations are held in the Park in February, May, June and October. There are reportedly seasonal daily fluctuations in effluent flow. The average flow for the facility is twenty gallons per day.

Surface water drainage from the Park is to the Alpaugh Irrigation District Canal (AIDC). The AIDC flows seasonally and carries surface water for industrial and agricultural uses from Poso Creek, a water of the United States. The Park is on the valley floor. The existing and potential designated beneficial uses of surface water on the valley floor, as specified in the Basin Plan, are agricultural supply; industrial service supply; industrial process supply; water contact recreation; non-contact water recreation; warm fresh water habitat; wildlife habitat; preservation of biological habitats of special significance; and groundwater recharge. The beneficial uses of groundwater are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial process supply, industrial service supply, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, and wildlife habitat.

## **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the above requirements, the California Department of Parks and Recreation 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 WWTF 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. The California Department of Parks and Recreation 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 Water Code.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190.



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Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ  
Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2014-0814