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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, MADERA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 28, RIPPERDAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MADERA COUNTY

Madera County Maintenance District No. 28 (hereafter Discharger) provides wastewater services for the community of Ripperdan. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 90-261 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-R5162.

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, 3.b-3.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, 3.a-3.b, and 4;
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 Discharger shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2014-0820, which is enclosed.

LOCATION

The Discharger owns and operates the Ripperdan Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in south Madera County. The facility is in Section 25, T12S, R172E, MDB&M. The site lies within the Madera Hydrologic Area (No. 545.20) of the San Joaquin Basin.

The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River 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

The WWTF consists of a wet well, an extended aeration package plant, a final clarifier, an aerobic sludge digester, and a leach pit area. The design flow is 7,500 gallons per day (gpd); however, the average dry weather flow is 4,000 gpd.

Surface water drainage for this area contributes to the San Joaquin River. The existing and potential designated beneficial uses of the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to Mendota Pool are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial process supply, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, warm freshwater habitat, cold freshwater habitat, and wildlife habitat. The Basin Plan designates the beneficial uses of groundwater as municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial service supply, and industrial process supply.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, the Discharger must comply with the following:

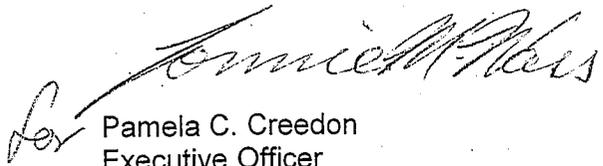
1. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described above is prohibited.
2. The WWTF shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
3. The waste discharge shall not enter surface waters or surface water drainage courses.
4. The Discharger 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.

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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
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