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SUBJECT: Tulare County, Orosi Solid Waste Landfill

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Order Requiring the County of Tulare to Comply with Requirements Prescribed in Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2009-0107*

BACKGROUND: The County of Tulare (Discharger) owns and maintains the Orosi Solid Waste Landfill (facility) near Orosi in Tulare County. The 40-acre inactive facility contains one existing unlined Class III waste management unit (Unit) covering approximately 9 acres. The Unit received nonhazardous solid wastes and lesser amounts of municipal solid wastes from 1941 until 1973. From 1973 until 1987, inert solid wastes were discharged to the Unit. The Discharger submitted a final closure and postclosure maintenance plan and a revised final closure and postclosure maintenance plan. Order R5-2009-0107 requires the Discharger to complete closure of the Unit by 9 October 2010. The Discharger submitted a letter on 29 June 2010, requesting a one-year extension (to October 2011) of the closure completion date based on unexpected time delays resulting from the excavation and clean closure of one cell within the Unit. Additionally, the Discharger stated that it wanted to avoid constructing a final cover system that utilizes a geocomposite clay liner during the 2010-2011 rainy season. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff concurs that the time delays were unexpected and for a reasonable cause and that it would be impracticable to complete final closure construction by 9 October 2010, and that a one-year extension is appropriate.

ISSUES:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

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