

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: City of Jackson, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Amador County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Order*

BACKGROUND: The City of Jackson (Discharger) owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order R5-2013-0146 permits the Facility to discharge up to 0.71 million gallons per day of tertiary treated wastewater to Jackson Creek.

Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2011-0909-02 and TSO R5-2013-0147 provide the Discharger with protection from mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) while the Discharger completes upgrades to the Facility. The TSOs also impose time schedules for compliance with the final effluent limitations in WDR Order R5-2013-0146 for chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, cyanide, nitrate plus nitrite, and total trihalomethanes. Pursuant to requirements in the TSOs, the Discharger completed source control measures, a water effects ratio study, and facility upgrades to improve treatment processes. However, additional facility upgrades are needed to ensure compliance with the final effluent limitations.

Although the Board can generally provide protection from MMPs for only five (5) years, recent revisions to the Water Code allow the Board to extend the initial five-year period for up to an additional five years when the Board finds that a Discharger is making "diligent progress toward bringing the waste discharge into compliance with the effluent limitation." (Wat. Code, § 13385, subd. (j)(3)(C)(ii)(II).) The proposed TSO makes this finding, extends the MMP protection provided by previous TSOs, requires compliance with the final effluent limits for chlorodibromomethane, dichlorobromomethane, cyanide, nitrate plus nitrite, and total trihalomethanes by 1 March 2018, and rescinds TSO R5-2011-0909-02 and TSO R5-2013-0147.

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the Discharger and interested parties on 24 December 2014 for a 30-day comment period. Written comments are due by 5:00 pm on 23 January 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Time Schedule Order

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