

ITEM: 23

SUBJECT: City of Modesto, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal (NPDES No. CAS0083526)*

BACKGROUND: The City of Modesto (Permittee) owns and operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), serving a population of approximately 205,000 within Stanislaus County. Storm water and non-storm water discharges from the Permittee's jurisdiction is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2008-0092, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 12 June 2008. The Permittee is categorized as a medium municipality, which has a population greater than 100,000 but less than 250,000, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

This proposed NPDES permit renewal includes continued requirements to implement best management practices, control measures, and performance standards to be implemented during the NPDES permit period. The proposed NPDES permit also includes a shorter permit period of 18 months in order to allow the Permittee an option to participate in a regional monitoring program, such as the Delta Regional Monitoring Program, ahead of a proposed Region-wide MS4 general permit that will include an RMP option. The Region-wide MS4 general permit is under development the Central Valley Water Board, and is not expected to be considered for adoption by the Central Valley Water Board for at least six months from now.

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the Permittee and interested parties on 23 February 2015 for a 30-day comment period. Written comments are due by 25 March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES permit

Mgmt. Review NM _____

Legal Review ASD _____

16/17 April 2015 Central Valley Water Board Meeting
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