

**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**RECORD OF COMMUNICATION**

Phone Call       Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting

PARTIES

Charles Garabedian  
Malaga County Water District

\*Matt Scroggins, Aide Ortiz  
RWQCB

DATE: 10 October 2013

TIME: ~1330

\* Party Initiating Communication

SUBJECT: Regarding the District's response to 19 August 2013  
*Disposal Capacity Issues* letter

FILE: R5-2008-0033

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION:

We contacted Mr. Garabedian to request an update on the District's response to our letter dated 19 August 2013 regarding the disposal capacity issues at the wastewater treatment facility. The letter requested the District provide certain information by 3 October 2013. As of 10 October, the District had not contacted our office either requesting an extension or providing an update, and a check of their meeting minutes posted on their website did not show any acknowledgement of ever receiving the letter. Mr. Garabedian informed us that the District's contract engineer, Mr. Michael Taylor from Provost & Pritchard, prepared a memorandum for Mr. Russ Holcomb, the District's general manager. Mr. Garabedian also informed us that he spoke with Gary Serrato at the Fresno Irrigation District regarding item #1 in the letter. According to Mr. Garabedian, Fresno Irrigation District would like to continue accepting the District's tertiary-treated effluent but only during irrigation season, and he indicated that the discharge to the Central Canal will not cease. Mr. Garabedian also indicated that Mr. Taylor's memorandum answered items #2-5 in the letter, and offered to email us a copy of the memorandum. We asked Mr. Garabedian if this memorandum would be the District's official response, to which Mr. Garabedian said no. We requested that the District provide an official response, such as a cover letter to the memorandum, or a separate letter addressing all the items our August letter. Mr. Garabedian indicated that the District does not have funds to proceed with upgrades to address the disposal capacity issues and that the District recently acquired new property, which he indicated is not enough. We informed Mr. Garabedian that if the District cannot show that they have adequate disposal capacity, we may have to reduce flow limits. Mr. Garabedian expressed that he does not want to stop development in the area, and mentioned that it is difficult to obtain funding. We informed Mr. Garabedian that the August letter is not requesting that the District have adequate disposal capacity by a specific date, but rather is requesting information on whether or not the District did, or did not do, things it said it was going to do. We informed Mr. Garabedian that if the District does not provide a prompt response, we may have to issue a 13267 Order, and that the purpose of the August letter was to request information in a friendly manner.

CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED:

Mr. Garabedian sent Mr. Taylor's memorandum, which only addresses one item we requested for information, and is primarily a request for the District to provide information to Provost & Pritchard.

REVIEWED BY:




WRITTEN BY:

Aide Ortiz  
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