

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY**

***WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 97-10-DWQ, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, HODGDON MEADOWS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, TUOLOMNE COUNTY***

The Hodgdon Meadows Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) consists of a new septic tank and leach field. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 93-063 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 29 July 2011, Central Valley Water Board staff received a letter from you, requesting coverage of the discharge under *Water Quality Order No. 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 request, 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-R5092.

APPROVED  
  
Supervising Engineer

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, 2.a-2.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, 2.a-2.b, and 4; and
5. All Attachment B Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements.

The following sections of Attachment A, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 97-10-DWQ, apply to the discharge:

1. Septic Tank Monitoring, and
2. Reporting.

## LOCATION

The National Park Service operates the WWTF at Big Oak Flat Entrance Station along Highway 140 with surface water drainage to Stanislaus River, a tributary of the Don Pedro Reservoir.

The WWTF is in the San Joaquin River Basin. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento 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

Hodgdon Meadow consists of private residences, maintenance buildings, a campground, and the Big Oak Flat Entrance facilities. The treatment and disposal system consist of a septic tank and leach field. The system will accept effluent from current and projected future sewer flows for the comprehensive Hodgdon Meadow area and Big Oak Flat Entrance Station.

The natural surface water near the WWTF is the Don Pedro Reservoir. The beneficial uses of the Don Pedro Reservoir are municipal, industrial, and agricultural supply; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; groundwater recharge; fresh water replenishment; hydropower generation; and wildlife habitation.

The beneficial uses of underlying groundwater identified in the Basin Plan are: municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and agricultural supply.

## FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, National Park Service 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. National Park Service 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.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190.

  
for Pamela C. Creedon  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ