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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081; DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS; CAMANCHE NORTH SHORE RECREATION AREA, AMADOR COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) on 12 September 2008 from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (Discharger) for the Camanche North Shore Recreation Area Project. Based on the information in the submittal, we have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (General Order No. R5-2008-0081). This project is hereby assigned General Order No. R5-2008-0081-018 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001.

CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY SAMPLING

General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (enclosed) prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order and with the information submitted by the Discharger. This General Order incorporates the requirements of the *California Toxic Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, 2005*, also known as the *State Implementation Policy (SIP)*. The Discharger requested a categorical exception to the requirement for meeting the CTR pollutant criteria in the General Order, as authorized by Section 5.3 of the SIP. The Discharger certified that its discharges are necessary to implement drinking water control measures conducted to fulfill statutory requirements under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the California Health and Safety Code.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Discharger operates the Camanche North Shore Recreation Area water treatment plant which currently provides potable water to a cafe, camping and recreation facilities, the marina, and two mobile home parks. The Recreation Area is located on the north shore of Camanche Reservoir in Amador County. The discharge consists of backwash water from the water treatment plant filters. The backwash water is discharged to two unlined storage ponds operated in series. Discharge to Camanche Reservoir only occurs when the storage pond overflows during wet weather conditions.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING

Quarterly Reports shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by the first day of the second month following each calendar quarter. Reporting requirements are found in Attachment E.

According to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d), Camanche Reservoir is impaired for copper and zinc. One time monitoring of the discharge for copper, zinc, and hardness is required upon initial discharge. Method detection limits shall be below the corresponding screening level in Attachment B, Section II of the General Order. If the lowest minimum level (ML) published in Appendix 4 of the SIP is not below the screening level, the detection limit shall be the lowest ML.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger will be required to follow their Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Plan. Effluent and receiving water monitoring of this dewatering/low threat discharge shall be conducted and submitted to the Regional Water Board, quarterly, until completion of the project. The Regional Water Board shall be notified immediately if any violation, nuisance or detriment to the receiving water is observed during implementation of the project.

Failure to comply with the conditions of the Effluent Limitations and Receiving Water Monitoring found in the General Order No. R5-2008-0081 could result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code. Discharge of material other than what is described in the NOI is prohibited.

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Board) shall be submitted until this NOA is officially terminated. You must notify this office in writing when the project has been completed and the discharge is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this General Order.

Effective January 2004, any NPDES effluent monitoring report received more than 30 days after its due date is subject to a \$3,000 Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) [Water Code Section 13385]. An additional \$3,000 MMP is required for each additional 30 days a report is late. If you have no discharge, you must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you will be subject to the MMP.

If you have any question or comments regarding this notification, please contact David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 or at dwkirn@waterboards.ca.gov.



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Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2008-0081

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