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## **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); LOW THREAT GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081; DEL PASO MANOR WATER DISTRICT MAINTENANCE PROJECT; SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) on 17 May 2010 from the Del Paso Manor Water District (Discharger) for the Del Paso Manor Water District Maintenance Project. Based on the information in the NOI, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (Low Threat General Order). This project is hereby assigned Low Threat General Order No. R5-2008-0081-060 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001. Please reference the unique Order No. R5-2008-0081-060 in all future correspondence and documents.

The Low Threat General Order (enclosed) may also be viewed at the following web address: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/general\\_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf). You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire document. The Low Threat General Order prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA, the Low Threat General Order, and with the information submitted by the Discharger.

### **CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING**

The Low Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxic Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, 2005*, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP).

Section 5.3 of the SIP allows "exceptions from meeting the Priority Pollutant criteria/objectives if determined to be necessary to implement control measures..." The Discharger qualified for the SIP exception in Section 5.3 and is not required to conduct Priority Pollutant (CTR

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constituent) sampling. Dischargers authorized to discharge under this Low Threat General Order who have been granted an exception to the priority pollutant criteria and objectives in the SIP, must provide certification by a qualified biologist that the beneficial uses of the receiving water have been restored upon completion of the discharge.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Discharger proposes to discharge water associated with the maintenance of their potable water supply system that supplies drinking water to residential and commercial users in Sacramento County. The Discharger has 8 groundwater wells, 12 groundwater treatment plants, 22 treated water storage tanks, 31 pressure filters, 5 hydropneumatic tanks, 24 miles of distribution piping, 121 fire hydrants and 100 blow off valves.

Discharges authorized under this Low Threat General order include: 1) Discharges associated with the operation and maintenance of groundwater wells; 2) Construction of new drinking water wells; and 3) Operation and maintenance of the groundwater treatment plant and the potable water distribution system.

Discharges will be dechlorinated and pH adjusted as necessary prior to being discharged into the local storm drain. Backwash water associated with groundwater treatment will not be covered under this permit.

The Pollution Prevention and Monitoring Reporting Plan notes the multiple discharge points that are either tributary to Strong Ranch Slough or the American River.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

All Dischargers must notify Central Valley Water Board staff 24 hours before the start of each new discharge, as soon as noncompliance is anticipated, and when the discharge ceases. This is a water supply project with numerous discharge points. Therefore, the Discharger was required to submit a Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Program (PPMRP) with the NOI. The PPMRP submitted by the Discharger complies with Attachment H and with Sections I, IX, and X of Attachment E of the Low Threat General Order, and is hereby approved.

Effluent and receiving water analytical monitoring shall be conducted as described in the approved PPMRP and the results submitted to the Central Valley Water Board on a quarterly basis unless specified otherwise. The Discharger must submit quarterly reports, as described in Attachment E, Section X, even if there is no discharge or receiving water flow during the reporting quarter, until the Discharger formally requests that coverage under this Order be terminated.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until the discharge is terminated. The Discharger must notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing if the discharge regulated by this Low Threat General Order is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this Low Threat General Order and avoid additional and unnecessary billing.

**ENFORCEMENT**

Failure to comply with the Low Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability. Effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation. Late reports are subject to an MMP of \$3,000 per each period of 30 days late. If you have no discharge during a quarterly monitoring period, you must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you may be subject to MMPs.

All monitoring report submittals, notification of the beginning and end of discharge, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement shall be directed to Spencer Joplin at (916) 464-4660 or [sjoplin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sjoplin@waterboards.ca.gov). Questions regarding the permitting aspects of this Low Threat General Order, and requests for termination of coverage under this Order, may be directed to Mike Negrete at (916) 464-4662 or [mnegrete@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mnegrete@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (Discharger only)

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