

ITEM: 20

SUBJECT: PacificUS Real Estate Group, SilverTip Resort Wastewater Treatment Facility, Mariposa County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements*

BACKGROUND: PacificUS Real Estate Group proposes to construct a tertiary wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to serve a proposed resort in the town of Fish Camp, Mariposa County. The proposed WWTF will consist of a septic tank wastewater collection system and a tertiary wastewater treatment system designed to have a monthly average daily flow of 33,500 gallons per day. Recycled water will be discharged to a storage tank for subsequent discharge to a leachfield in the winter months and landscape irrigation of about 5 acres of meadows and green belts in the summer months. Regional groundwater is contained in both fractured bedrock and to a lesser extent in alluvial deposits overlying the bedrock. Analytical results for samples of both the shallow and deeper aquifers indicate excellent water quality. Surface water quality is of excellent quality as well.

This Order acknowledges that some degradation may occur as a result of the application of tertiary treated wastewater to land. Mariposa County adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations that concluded that the benefits of the project were sufficient to override any unmitigated impacts. Based on the analyses in Mariposa County's EIR and its Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the state-of-the-art treatment and control practices, such degradation is consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State and consistent with the Antidegradation Policy.

ISSUES Comment letters were received from the Department of Health Services, the Discharger, the Yosemite Alpine Community Services District, and the Yosemite Alpine Village Homeowners Association. These letters have been reviewed, considered, and addressed. Further information is contained in the staff report.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution.

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