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TENTATIVE CHLOROFORM EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS ALTERNATIVES FOR TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0077712)

CITY OF AUBURN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
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TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

On 19 July 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit) renewal and Cease and Desist Order for the City of Auburn (Discharger) Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). This item is preliminarily scheduled for the 22/23/24 September 2010 Central Valley Water Board meeting. Enclosed is a Tentative Alternative to the tentative NPDES Permit renewal specifically addressing the water quality-based effluent limitations for chloroform. The Tentative Alternative discusses two options, as follows:

- (1) A final monthly average chloroform effluent limitation of 1.1 µg/L as implemented in the existing NPDES Permit (Order No. R5-2005-0030), which implements the Basin Plan's narrative toxicity objective by applying the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Public Health Goal (PHG) of 1.1 µg/L, or
- (2) Use of the Department of Public Health (DPH) Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (sum of bromoform, bromodichloromethane, chloroform and dibromochloromethane) of 80 µg/L to implement the Basin Plan's narrative chemical constituents objective, which results in a determination of no reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives for chloroform or total trihalomethanes.

If the Central Valley Water Board adopts Option 1 above, the Discharger will be in immediate non-compliance with the NPDES permit. The existing Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2008-0010 provides a compliance schedule to achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations

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for chloroform by 16 March 2011. Consistent with CDO No. R5-2008-0010, a compliance time schedule for compliance with the chloroform effluent limitations will be established in the proposed CDO scheduled for consideration at the September 2010 Board meeting, with compliance with final effluent limitations required by 16 March 2011, if Option 1 is adopted.

To be given full consideration, any comments or recommendations you may have regarding the enclosed Tentative Alternative must be submitted in writing to the Central Valley Water Board office by 5:00 p.m. on **23 August 2010**. Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **23 August 2010** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. **The 23 August 2010 due date for public comments pertains to the enclosed Tentative Alternative only. As specified in the Notice of Continued Public Hearing, all public comments pertaining to the Tentative NPDES Permit Renewal Package issued on 19 July 2010 are to be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by 23 August 2010 to be given full consideration.**

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the enclosed tentative Alternative to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download all the tentative permit documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders. Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NPDES Permit package, please contact me at (916) 464-4828 or dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosures: Tentative NPDES Permit Alternative No. 2 (Discharger Only)

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