

ITEM: 20

SUBJECT: River Highlands Community Services District and Yuba County, Hammonton Gold Village Wastewater Treatment Plant, Yuba County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal*

BACKGROUND: River Highlands Community Services District and Yuba County (Discharger) collectively own and operate the Hammonton Gold Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). Gold Village Land Development LLC owns the property. (Gold Village's only obligation under the proposed Order is to provide unfettered access to the Facility.)

The Facility serves about 84 households, and is permitted to discharge up to 0.026 million gallons per day of treated municipal wastewater to irrigate fields, or to an unnamed tributary of Sanford Creek which ultimately flows into the Yuba River below Englebright Dam. The Facility includes a new tertiary-level treatment and ultraviolet light disinfection system. Treated wastewater is discharged to surface water during wet weather months only.

The tentative Permit that was issued for public comments prohibited discharges to the unnamed tributary from 1 April through 30 September. Based on the Discharger's comments, the tentative Permit has been modified to prohibits discharges to the unnamed tributary from 1 May through 30 September, allowing one extra month of discharge during wet weather months.

The Discharger also commented that the current contract operator will no longer operate the Facility as of 30 September 2011.

ISSUES: Public comments were received from the Discharger on 26 July 2011, after close of the 30-day public comment period. No other comments were received. The Discharger's comments do not oppose the tentative Permit and are included in the Agenda Package. Staff considered the Discharger's comments and made the following modifications to the tentative Permit:

1. Removal of the Yuba City Utilities Department as operator,
2. Clarified Gold Village's (property owner) regulatory obligation,
3. Made corrections regarding biosolids management at the Facility, and
4. Modified the surface water discharge prohibition.

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