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SUBJECT: City of Atwater, Atwater Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility,
Merced County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Order for Waste Discharge Requirements
Order R5-2011-0082 (NPDES No. CA0085308)*

BACKGROUND: On 1 December 2011, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2011-0082 (NPDES No. CA0085308) prescribing waste discharge requirements for the City of Atwater Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). The Facility is new and was built to replace the Atwater Wastewater Treatment Plant on Commerce Avenue as the City's primary means of complying with new, more stringent effluent limitations. The Facility provides tertiary treatment with ultraviolet light disinfection for up to 6.0 million gallons per day and discharges to Peck/Atwater Drain.

Order R5-2011-0082 retained effluent limitations that were applicable to discharges from the old Atwater Wastewater Treatment Plant under Order R5-2007-0063 (NPDES No. CA0079197). Effluent data from the Facility indicate that the discharge can consistently comply with the effluent limitations in Order R5-2011-0082, with the exception of the effluent limitations for zinc. The Discharger proposes to conduct a Water Effects Ratio study for zinc and, if necessary, a polymer addition study. Polymer feed equipment is already in place.

A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the discharger and interested parties on 21 March 2013 with a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received.

ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Time Schedule Order as proposed.

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