

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements/NPDES Permit (NPDES No. CA0081795) and Adoption of New Time Schedule Order*

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Yosemite National Park owns and operates the Wawona Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), which serves the Wawona area. The Facility provides tertiary treatment with chlorine disinfection for up to 0.105 million gallons per day. Wastewater is dechlorinated prior to discharge through a diffuser to South Fork Merced River, a water of the United States. Disinfected, tertiary-treated wastewater is also discharged to the Wawona Golf Course for irrigation. Discharge to South Fork Merced River has not occurred in over 20 years.

The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit includes new effluent limitations for ammonia (as N), dichlorobromomethane, nitrite plus nitrate (as N), and total recoverable zinc, which apply to the surface water discharge only. A Time Schedule Order is included to provide time for complying with the new effluent limitations for dichlorobromomethane. Effluent data indicate the Discharger is able to consistently comply with new effluent limitations for ammonia (as N), nitrite plus nitrate (as N), and total recoverable zinc.

ISSUES: Comments on the proposed WDRs/NPDES permit were submitted by the Discharger and the Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA). The Discharger commented that the proposed WDRs/NPDES permit includes a significant amount of new requirements, which do not take into account the fact that there has been no discharge to the River in a number of years, and which tax the Discharger's ability to achieve its goal of eliminating the need for a NPDES permit. CVCWA commented that the procedure used for calculating dilution credits is arbitrary and may cause the Discharger to violate the performance-based effluent limitation for nitrite plus nitrate (as N). Central Valley Water Board staff's responses to these comments are provided in the Response to Comments document. Revisions to the proposed WDRs/NPDES permit were made in response to these comments, along with other changes to correct typographical errors and provide more clarity.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed WDRs/NPDES permit and Time Schedule Order.

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