

ITEM: 26

SUBJECT: Regional Monitoring Program

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of an Order Amending Waste Discharge Requirements to Allow for Participation in Regional Monitoring Programs*

BACKGROUND: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES permits require the Permittees to conduct surface water monitoring. The purpose of this monitoring is to provide information on the impacts of discharges on local receiving waters, and on the extant condition of those waterbodies. However, these local water quality monitoring efforts could be coordinated through a Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) to better characterize the spatial and temporal distributions of contaminants and physical conditions of Central Valley waterbodies on a regional scale. Implementation of a RMP, such as the Delta RMP, will provide data to better inform management and policy decisions statewide. The tentative Order proposes amendments to four Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for 13 individual MS4 NPDES Permittees that discharge to waterbodies within the Central Valley region. The proposed Order amends the individual WDRs to allow Permittees an option to participate in a RMP ahead of a proposed Region-wide MS4 general permit that will include a RMP option. The Region-wide MS4 general permit is under development by the Central Valley Water Board, and is not expected to be considered for adoption by the Central Valley Water Board until at least December 2015.

The basis for the proposed amendments to the individual Orders are described in the proposed Order and the revisions are shown in Attachments A through C in underline/strikeout format. The following three WDRs will be amended by this Order to allow for participation in a RMP.

- A. Order R5-2011-005-01
Stockton Port District, Facility-wide Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and Non-Storm Water Discharges from the Port of Stockton (NPDES No. CAS0084077)
- B. Order R5-2013-0080
Cities of Clovis and Fresno, County of Fresno, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, and California State University Fresno, Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES No. CA083500)
- C. Order R5-2013-0153
City of Bakersfield and County of Kern, Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES No. CA0083399)

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the Permittee and interested parties on 8 April 2015 for a 30-day comment period. Written comments are due by 5 pm on 8 May 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Amending Order

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