

SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY ORDER

ORDER NO.	WQ 2010-0005
DATE ADOPTED	March 16, 2010
PETITION TITLE	In the Matter of Own Motion Review of Waste Discharge Requirements for the University of California, Davis (Order No. R5-2008-0183 [NPDES No. CA0077895])
POPULAR NAME <i>[if applicable]</i>	
REGIONAL BOARD	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
FILE NO[S]	SWRCB/OCC File A-1988

PRECEDENTIAL DECISION

The Central Valley Water Board adopted an NPDES permit regulating discharges from U.C. Davis's wastewater treatment plant. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance filed a petition challenging a number of provisions. The draft order is limited to the effluent limitations regulating electrical conductivity (EC). The permit concluded that there was no reasonable potential for EC from the plant to affect municipal uses of receiving waters and did not include a final effluent limitation for the protection of agricultural uses. The order concludes that the Central Valley Water Board erred in its assessment of reasonable potential for municipal uses, and that it erred in delaying the inclusion of a final, water quality-based effluent limitation for EC for protection of agricultural uses. There was not evidence in the record sufficient to require an effluent limitation for EC for protection of aquatic life.