The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter
Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. On 5 June 2018, Harris Ranch submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to
apply for revised Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for an existing privately-
owned wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) in Coalinga. Additional information to
complete the RWD was submitted on multiple dates in October and December 2019.

2. Harris Ranch (hereafter “Discharger”) owns and operates the Harris Ranch Inn and
Restaurant (formerly the I-5 and Dorris Avenue Rest Stop) WWTF, contracting out the
operation of the facility, and is responsible for compliance with these WDRs.

3. The facility is located at 24505 West Dorris Avenue (State Highway 198) in Coalinga
(Section 28, T19S, R16E, MDB&M) between Napa Avenue and Interstate Highway 5
(I-5). The WWTF occupies Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APN) 065-06-87, as shown
on Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order by reference.

4. WDRs Order 85-159, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 28 June 1985,
prescribes requirements for the discharge of wastewater from a commercial
development in the SE quadrant of the I-5/Dorris Avenue interchange (Facility) and
allows an average dry weather flow of up to 0.065 million gallons per day (MGD). In
1985, operation of the WWTF was performed under contract by the City of Coalinga,
named in WDRs Order 85-159 as a responsible party. In 2018 the Monitoring and
Reporting Program (MRP) associated with Order 85-159 was revised to address
changes in effluent quality due to facility expansion over time. The current RWD
proposes to expand and upgrade the WWTF to improve and increase the capacity of
the treatment system. Central Valley Water Board staff determined that the WWTF
shall continue to be regulated under individual waste discharge requirements, with
updates to address the multiple changes which have been implemented since 1985,
by issuing a new Order. Therefore, Order 85-159 will be rescinded and replaced with
this Order.

EXISTING FACILITY AND DISCHARGE

5. The existing WWTF serves the I-5 and Dorris Avenue Rest Stop known as Harris
Ranch Inn and Restaurant resort complex, including four restaurants, a gas station
with convenience store and deli, a general store with meat market and bakery, and a
153-room hotel. The number of hotel rooms and the food service capacity of the
upstream service area have increased greatly since 1985. Current WWTF treatment capacity under Order 85-159 is 0.065 MGD, however, on 9 June 2000 the Discharger submitted a RWD informing the Central Valley Water Board of some modifications they had made which increased the WWTF’s capacity. Because of this capacity increase, as of December 2000, per California Water Code § 13264, the WWTF is permitted for effluent flow rates up to 0.100 MGD with peak hourly flow of 0.300 MGD. Recent flow rates generally average roughly 0.060 MGD, with peak hourly flows of 0.200 MGD experienced over summer holiday weekends. For average daily flow rate, the minimum and maximum listed are based on the monthly basis reported.

Table 1 Influent summary for December 2017 through September 2019

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<td>497</td>
<td>220</td>
<td>975</td>
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<td>Nitrate as N</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
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<td>Total nitrogen</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>69</td>
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<td>Average daily flow rate</td>
<td>gpd</td>
<td>72,300</td>
<td>48,800</td>
<td>134,600</td>
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<td>Maximum daily flow rate</td>
<td>gpd</td>
<td>90,100</td>
<td>58,800</td>
<td>152,300</td>
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6. The resort complex’s source water is from Westlands Water District’s Lateral PV-4-0.7 from the Coalinga Canal. Some of the canal water supply is used directly for on-site landscape irrigation, while around 55% of the supply (roughly 200 gpm per the RWD) is treated for potable domestic use. Electrical conductivity (EC) is monitored quarterly, with other constituents monitored once every three years. Data reported are in Table 2 showing reporting periods since the revised MRP was issued in 2018.

Table 2 Source water electrical conductivity (EC) in units of µmhos/cm

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<td>550</td>
<td>646</td>
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Source water constituents weren’t monitored prior to the issuance of the revised MRP, so data reported in Table 3 are for a single sampling event on 11 October 2018. Constituent concentrations below the reporting limits (RL) are shown as less than the reporting limit value. (These below RL concentrations were all reported as zero in the Discharger’s tri-annual source water monitoring.)

Table 3 Source water constituent concentrations as reported in the WWTF’s monitoring reports for 2018 and 2019. All units are mg/L.

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<td>Carbonate</td>
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Parameter | Concentration
---|---
Chloride | 110
Hardness | 92
Iron | < 0.03
Manganese | < 0.01
Magnesium | 12
Potassium | 3
Sodium | 66
Sulfate | 20
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | 280

7. The treatment system influent flows by gravity to headworks with flow measurement, grease treatment, and a solids separation auger, where trash and other large solids are removed. The solids are collected in a bin placed under the auger outlet, then disposed of off-site. Pumps move the undisinfected primary wastewater to two unlined aeration ponds, working in parallel, with total retention time of 12 days. From the aeration ponds, undisinfected secondary wastewater is pumped to one of five unlined storage ponds where it is allowed to evaporate and to percolate into the soil.

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<td>BOD</td>
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<td>Total suspended solids (TSS)</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
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<td>Total nitrogen</td>
<td>µg/L</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>11</td>
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10. Sludge depth is evaluated as needed based on operator experience and pond performance. A core sampler (e.g. “sludge judge”) is used to measure the sludge depth. If the sludge layer is thicker than optimal, the pond in question will be taken out of service and wastewater diverted to the other pond(s) until the sludge can be removed and hauled off-site.

11. Waste sludge is handled only after the pond from which it is removed has been allowed to dry. The waste sludge at the pond bottom is either tilled in directly to the pond bottom or is collected and hauled off-site to a permitted landfill.

12. There have been no WDR violations since mid-2016, but the WWTF has had 300 violations between September 2008 and May 2016, mainly because TSS, BOD, settleable solids, and or flow rates exceeded the limits specified in the 85-159 WDR. Other violations recorded in the past ten years have been mainly for incomplete recordkeeping and gaps in sampling data.

### PLANNED CHANGES IN THE FACILITY AND DISCHARGE

13. Because of difficulties in effectively reducing BOD through the current treatment system during periods of high flow, which also have elevated influent BOD, the Discharger proposes to modify one of the percolation and evaporation ponds to create a set of sludge stabilization (“polishing”) ponds, which will provide additional treatment before wastewater disposal. Storage pond 4, the nearest storage pond to the south of the aeration ponds, is proposed to be divided into two ponds which will be operated in parallel, with an expected residence time of 12 days, as shown in Table 4. From the polishing ponds the treated undisinfected wastewater will flow to a distribution box where it will be directed to one of four unlined storage ponds (numbered 2,3,5,6) allowing the wastewater to evaporate and to percolate into the soil. Storage ponds #5 and #6 alone will be used for normal final evaporation and percolation, with ponds #2 and #3 available if additional storage capacity is needed.

### SITE-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

14. The WWTF is on the western side of the San Joaquin Valley at an elevation of about 450 feet above sea level. The topography is generally level with a less-than two percent grade rising toward the west. There are no surface waters within two miles.
Any rainfall percolates directly into the soil or flows off engineered surfaces into the adjacent soil.

15. The WWTF is not in any flood plain.

16. Soil is generally Panhill sandy loam.

17. The climate at this location is arid with high year-round evapotranspiration rates, averaging four (4) inches per month in wet years (100-year rainfall) and 6.5 inches per month in average years. Average annual precipitation for the past five years is less than six (6) inches, though normal precipitation is 8.25 inches, falling mainly from October to April. Annual precipitation in a 100-year rain event is 13 inches.

18. Surrounding lands are desert scrub or fallow. There are irrigated orchards to the northeast and indications of new orchard planting to the east, but no farming, residential, or industrial land uses immediately adjacent to the WWTF, aside from the resort complex that is approximately one half mile away.

GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

19. The WWTF and surrounding area sit on poorly consolidated Cenozoic nonmarine sediments with good drainage.

20. Depth to groundwater is more than 500 feet below land surface based on USGS data. There is no local shallow groundwater.

21. The nearest groundwater supply well operated by Harris Farms is more than one mile northeast of the WWTF. Two wells, owned by others, are located within one half mile of the WWTF. One well (ID# 22N01) was drilled in 1968 to a depth of 2,050 feet with the pump intake set at 966 feet below ground surface, while the other well (ID# 27M01) was drilled in 1960 to a depth of 2,222 feet. The water from these wells is used for crop irrigation. The few wells that are located beyond a half-mile radius are extremely deep, with screenings (“well casing perforations”) located below the Corcoran clay layers. These are believed to be hydraulically disconnected from any percolation from the WWTF ponds.

22. There is no groundwater monitoring due to the depth of groundwater.

23. The historical discharge from the WWTF over the past three decades indicates that the quality of the discharge is unlikely to cause degradation of groundwater.

BASIN PLAN, BENEFICIAL USES, AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

25. Local drainage is to groundwater in the Westlands Hydrologic Area. Beneficial uses of groundwater as stated in the Basin Plan are municipal and domestic supply (MUN), agricultural supply (AGR), and industrial service supply (IND).

26. The Basin Plan establishes narrative water quality objectives for chemical constituents, tastes and odors, and toxicity in groundwater. It also sets forth a numeric objective for total coliform organisms.

27. The Basin Plan’s numeric water quality objective for bacteria requires that the most probable number (MPN) of coliform organisms over any seven-day period shall be less than 2.2 per 100 mL in MUN groundwater.

28. The Basin Plan identifies the greatest long-term problem facing the entire Tulare Lake Basin as the increase in salinity in groundwater, which has accelerated due to the intensive use of soil and water resources by irrigated agriculture. Salinity increases in groundwater could ultimately eliminate the beneficial uses of Tulare Lake Basin groundwater. The Basin Plan establishes several salt management requirements.

29. The Basin Plan’s narrative water quality objectives for chemical constituents, at a minimum, require waters designated as municipal or domestic supply to meet the MCLs specified in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 22). The Basin Plan recognizes that the Central Valley Water Board may apply limits more stringent than MCLs to ensure that waters do not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses.

30. The narrative toxicity objective requires that groundwater be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, animal, plant, or aquatic life associated with designated beneficial uses.

31. Quantifying a narrative water quality objective requires a site-specific evaluation of those constituents that have the potential to impact water quality and beneficial uses. The Basin Plan states that when compliance with a narrative objective is required to protect specific beneficial uses, the Central Valley Water Board will, on a case-by-case basis, adopt numerical limitations in order to implement the narrative objective.

32. In the absence of specific numerical water quality limits, the Basin Plan methodology is to consider any relevant published criteria. General salt tolerance guidelines, such as Water Quality for Agriculture by Ayers and Westcot and similar references indicate that yield reductions in nearly all crops are not evident when irrigation water has an EC less than 700 μmhos/cm. There is, however, an eight- to ten-fold range in salt tolerance for agricultural crops and the appropriate salinity values to protect agriculture in the Central Valley are considered on a case-by-case basis. It is possible to achieve full yield potential with waters having EC up to 3,000 μmhos/cm if the proper leaching fraction is provided to maintain soil salinity within the tolerance of the crop.

33. The Central Valley Water Board adopted Basin Plan amendments incorporating new programs for addressing ongoing salt and nitrate accumulation in the Central Valley at
its 31 May 2018 Board Meeting. On 16 October 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a resolution approving the Central Valley Water Board Basin Plan amendments and also directed the Central Valley Water Board to make targeted revisions to the Basin Plan amendments within one year from the approval of the Basin Plan amendments by the Office of Administrative Law. These programs, once effective, could change how the Central Valley Water Board permits discharges of salt and nitrate. The Salinity Control Program currently being developed would subject dischargers that do not meet stringent salinity numeric values (700 µmhos/cm EC as a monthly average to protect the AGR beneficial use and 900 µmhos/cm as an annual average to protect the MUN beneficial use) to performance-based salinity requirements and would require these dischargers to participate in a Basin wide Prioritization and Optimization Study to develop a long-term strategy for addressing salinity accumulation in the Central Valley. The level of participation required of dischargers whose discharges do not meet stringent salinity requirements will vary based on factors such as the amount of salinity in the discharge, local conditions, and type of discharge. The Central Valley Water Board anticipates that the Salt and Nitrate Control Program initiative will result in regulatory changes that will be implemented through conditional prohibitions and modifications to many WDRs region-wide, including the WDRs that regulate discharges from the Facility. This Order may be amended or modified to incorporate any newly-applicable requirements.

34. The stakeholder-led Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative has been coordinating efforts to implement new salt and nitrate management strategies. The Board expects dischargers that may be affected by new salt and nitrate management policies to coordinate with the CV-SALTS initiative. More information regarding this regulatory planning process can be found on the Central Valley Water Board CV-SALTS website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity)

ANTIDEGRADATION ANALYSIS

35. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 68-16, Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters of the State, (hereafter Resolution 68-16) prohibits degradation of groundwater unless it has been shown that:

a. The degradation is consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state,

b. the degradation will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated future beneficial uses,

c. the degradation does not result in water quality less than that prescribed in state and regional policies, including violation of one or more water quality objectives, and

d. the discharger employs best practicable treatment or control (BPTC) to minimize degradation.
36. This Order establishes effluent limitations for the facility that will not unreasonably threaten present and anticipated beneficial uses or result in groundwater quality that exceeds water quality objectives set forth in the Basin Plan as follows:
   a. There is no current groundwater monitoring data due to the extreme depth of groundwater. The discharge is unlikely to pose a threat of degradation in the future.

37. The Discharger provides treatment and control of the discharge that incorporates:
   a. Kitchen controls that limit the discharge BOD to less than 600 mg/L;
   b. Solids removal from the wastewater using a rotary auger;
   c. Regular inspections of the aeration, benthic stabilization, and percolation/evaporation ponds.

OTHER REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

38. In compliance with Water Code section 106.3, it is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

39. Based on the threat and complexity of the discharge, the facility is determined to be classified as 3B as defined below:
   a. Category 3 threat to water quality: “Those discharges of waste that could degrade water quality without violating water quality objectives, or cause a minor impairment of designated beneficial uses as compared with Category 1 and Category 2.”
   b. Category B complexity, defined as: “Any discharger not included [as Category A] that has physical, chemical, or biological treatment systems (except for septic systems with subsurface disposal) or any Class 2 or Class 3 waste management units.”

40. Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 27) contains regulatory requirements for the treatment, storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste. However, Title 27 exempts certain activities from its provisions. Discharges regulated by this Order are exempt from Title 27 pursuant to provisions that exempt domestic sewage, wastewater, and reuse. Title 27, section 20090 states in part:

   The following activities shall be exempt from the SWRCB-promulgated provisions of this subdivision, so long as the activity meets, and continues to meet, all preconditions listed:

   (a) Sewage - Discharges of domestic sewage or treated effluent which are regulated by WDRs issued pursuant to Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 23 of this code, or for which WDRs have been waived, and which are consistent with applicable water quality objectives, and treatment or storage facilities
associated with municipal wastewater treatment plants, provided that residual sludges or solid waste from wastewater treatment facilities shall be discharged only in accordance with the applicable SWRCB-promulgated provisions of this division.

(b) Wastewater - Discharges of wastewater to land, including but not limited to evaporation ponds, percolation ponds, or subsurface leach fields if the following conditions are met:

(1) the applicable RWQCB has issued WDRs, reclamation requirements, or waived such issuance;

(2) the discharge is in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan; and

(3) the wastewater does not need to be managed according to Chapter 11, Division 4.5, Title 22 of this code as a hazardous waste. …

41. The discharge authorized herein, and the treatment and storage facilities associated with the discharge, are exempt from the requirements of Title 27 as follows:

a. Discharges to Storage Ponds 2, 3, 5, and 6 are exempt pursuant to Title 27, sections 20090(a) and (b) because they are discharge of wastewater to land and:
   i. The Central Valley Water Board is issuing WDRs.
   ii. The discharge is in compliance with the Basin Plan, and
   iii. The treated effluent discharged to the ponds does not need to be managed as hazardous waste.

42. The State Water Board adopted Order 2014-0057-DWQ (NPDES General Permit CAS0000001) specifying waste discharge requirements for discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities, and requiring submittal of a Notice of Intent by all affected industrial dischargers. Because the WWTF design flow rate is less than one million gallons per day, the Discharger is exempt from the requirements of NPDES General Permit CAS0000001.

43. Water Code section 13267(b)(1) states:

   In conducting an investigation specified in subdivision (a), the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region … shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the board requires. The burden, including costs of these reports, shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.
The technical reports required by this Order and the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2020-0010 are necessary to ensure compliance with these waste discharge requirements. The Discharger owns and operates the facility that discharges the waste subject to this Order.

44. The California Department of Water Resources sets standards for the construction and destruction of groundwater wells (hereafter DWR Well Standards), as described in California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90 (June 1991) and Water Well Standards: State of California Bulletin 94-81 (December 1981). These standards, and any more stringent standards adopted by the state or county pursuant to Water Code section 13801, apply to all monitoring wells used to monitor the impacts of wastewater storage or disposal governed by this Order.

45. The action to revise waste discharge requirements for an existing facility is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality (CEQA), Public Resource Code section 21000 et seq., in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 14, § 15301. Alternatively, this action may be considered exempt from CEQA because it is both an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of natural resources (CCR, tit. 14 § 15307), and an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment (see id., § 15308).

46. Pursuant to Water Code section 13263(g), discharge is a privilege, not a right, and adoption of this Order does not create a vested right to continue the discharge.

PUBLIC NOTICE

47. All the above and the supplemental information and details in the attached Information Sheet, which is incorporated by reference herein, were considered in establishing the following conditions of discharge.

48. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons have been notified of the Central Valley Water Board’s intent to prescribe revised waste discharge requirements for this discharge, and they have been provided an opportunity to submit written comments and an opportunity for a public hearing.

49. All comments pertaining to the discharge were heard and considered in a public hearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order 85-159 and Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program 85-159 are rescinded and, pursuant to Water Code sections 13263 and 13267, the Discharger, its agents, successors, and assigns, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the Water Code and regulations adopted hereunder, shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Prohibitions

1. Discharge of wastes to surface waters or surface water drainage courses, including irrigation ditches outside of control of the Discharger, is prohibited.
2. Discharge of waste classified as ‘hazardous’, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66261.1 et seq., is prohibited.

3. Discharge of waste classified as ‘designated’, as defined in CWC Section 13173, in a manner that causes violation of groundwater limitations, is prohibited.

4. Bypass around, or overflow from, the wastewater treatment ponds is prohibited, except as allowed by Standard Provision E.2 of the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements.

5. Discharge of waste at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Report of Waste Discharge Findings of this Order is prohibited.

6. Discharge of toxic substances into any wastewater treatment system or land application area such that biological treatment mechanisms are disrupted is prohibited.

B. Flow Limitations

1. Effectively immediately, influent flows to the wastewater treatment system shall not exceed the following limits, where the total annual flow is the total flow for the calendar year, maximum average daily flow is the total flow during the calendar month divided by the number of days in that month:

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<td>Peak Hourly Discharge Rate</td>
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C. Effluent Limitations

1. Effluent discharged to the storage ponds shall not exceed the following limits:

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<td>30-day mean</td>
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<td>Total suspended solids (TSS)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>30-day mean</td>
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<td>TSS</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
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D. Discharge Specifications

1. No waste constituent shall be released, discharged, or placed where it will cause a violation of the Groundwater Limitations of this Order.

2. Wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal shall not cause pollution or a nuisance as defined by Water Code section 13050.

3. The discharge shall remain within the permitted waste treatment areas at all times.

4. The Discharger shall operate all systems and equipment to optimize the quality of the discharge.

5. All treatment and storage/disposal systems shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return frequency.

6. Objectionable odors shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the property where the waste is generated, treated, and/or discharged at an intensity that creates or threatens to create nuisance conditions.

7. As a means of ensuring compliance with Discharge Specification D.6, the dissolved oxygen (DO) content in the upper one foot of any wastewater treatment or storage pond shall not be less than 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive sampling events. Notwithstanding the DO monitoring frequency specified in the monitoring and reporting program, if the DO in any single pond is below 1.0 mg/L for any single sampling event, the Discharger shall implement daily DO monitoring of that pond until the minimum DO concentration is achieved for at least three consecutive days. If the DO in any single pond is below 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive days, the Discharger shall report the findings to the Regional Water Board in accordance with General Reporting Requirement B.1 of the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements. The written notification shall include a specific plan to resolve the low DO results within 30 days of the first date of violation.

8. The Discharger shall design, construct, operate, and maintain all ponds sufficiently to protect the integrity of containment dams and berms and prevent overtopping and/or structural failure. The operating freeboard in any pond shall never be less than two feet (measured vertically from the lowest possible point of overflow). As a means of management and to discern compliance with this requirement, the Discharger shall install and maintain in each pond a permanent staff gauge with calibration marks that clearly show the water level at design capacity and enable determination of available operational freeboard.

9. Wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal ponds or structures shall have sufficient capacity to accommodate allowable wastewater flow, design seasonal precipitation, and ancillary inflow and infiltration during the winter while ensuring continuous compliance with all requirements of this Order. Design seasonal
precipitation shall be based on total annual precipitation using a return period of 100 years, distributed monthly in accordance with historical rainfall patterns.

10. On or about **1 October** of each year, available capacity shall at least equal the volume necessary to comply with Discharge Specifications D.8 and D.9.

11. All ponds and open containment structures shall be managed to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. Specifically:
   a. An erosion control program shall be implemented to ensure that small coves and irregularities are not created around the perimeter of the water surface.
   b. Weeds shall be minimized through control of water depth, harvesting, or herbicides.
   c. Dead algae, vegetation, and debris shall not accumulate on the water surface.
   d. The Discharger shall consult and coordinate with the local Mosquito Abatement District to minimize the potential for mosquito breeding as needed to supplement the above measures.

12. Newly constructed or rehabilitated berms or levees (excluding internal berms that separate ponds or control the flow of water within a pond) shall be designed and constructed under the supervision of a California Registered Civil Engineer.

13. Wastewater contained in any unlined pond shall not have a pH less than 6.0 or greater than 10.0.

14. The Discharger shall monitor sludge accumulation in the wastewater treatment and storage ponds at least every five years beginning in 2020, and shall periodically remove sludge as necessary to maintain adequate storage capacity. Specifically, if the estimated volume of sludge in the reservoir exceeds ten percent (10%) of the permitted reservoir capacity, the Discharger shall complete sludge cleanout within 12 months after the date of the estimate.

**E. Groundwater Limitations**

Release of waste constituents from any portion of the facility shall not cause groundwater to:

1. Exceed a total coliform organism level of 2.2 MPN/100 mL over any seven-day period.

2. Contain constituents in concentrations that exceed either the primary or secondary maximum contaminant levels established in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

3. Contain taste or odor-producing constituents, toxic substances, or any other constituents in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.

Compliance with these limitations shall be determined annually as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program using approved statistical methods.
F. Solids Disposal Specifications

Sludge, as used in this document, means the solid, semisolid, and liquid organic matter removed from wastewater treatment, settling, and storage vessels or ponds. Solid waste refers to solid inorganic matter removed by screens and soil sediments from washing of unprocessed fruit or vegetables. Except for waste solids originating from meat processing, residual solids are organic food processing byproducts such as culls, pulp, stems, leaves, and seeds that will not be subject to treatment prior to disposal or land application.

1. Sludge and solid waste shall be removed from screens, sumps, ponds, and clarifiers as needed to ensure optimal operation and adequate storage capacity.

2. Any handling and storage of sludge, solid waste, and residual solids shall be controlled and contained in a manner that minimizes leachate formation and precludes infiltration of waste constituents into soils in a mass or concentration that will violate the groundwater limitations of this Order.

3. If removed from the site, sludge, solid waste, and residual solids shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Executive Officer and consistent with Title 27, division 2. Removal for reuse as animal feed, or land disposal at facilities (i.e., landfills, composting facilities, soil amendment sites operated in accordance with valid waste discharge requirements issued by a Regional Water Board) will satisfy this specification.

4. Any proposed change in solids use or disposal practice shall be reported in writing to the Executive Officer at least 90 days in advance of the change.

G. Provisions

1. The following reports shall be submitted pursuant to CWC section 13267 and shall be prepared as described in Provision G.3:

   a. **Upon completion** of the construction changing Storage Pond 4 to two discrete secondary treatment ponds, **and at least 120 days prior to discharging to either secondary treatment pond**, the Discharger shall submit a *Wastewater Treatment Pond Construction and Completion Report* for Secondary Aeration Ponds 1 and 2. The report shall certify that pond construction is complete, fully functional, and ready to receive wastewater in compliance with the requirements of this Order and as integral parts of the treatment system as a whole. The report shall include final plan drawings of the pond system and final as-built dimensions.

   b. At least **180 days** prior to any sludge removal and disposal, the Discharger shall submit a *Sludge Cleanout Plan*. The plan shall include a detailed plan for sludge removal, drying, and disposal. The plan shall specifically describe the phasing of the project, measures to be used to control runoff or percolate from the sludge as it is drying, and a schedule that shows how all dried sludge will be land-applied within the pond system or removed from the site prior to the onset of the rainy season **(nominally 1 October)**.
2. A discharger whose waste flow has been increasing, or is projected to increase, shall estimate when flows will reach hydraulic and treatment capacities of its treatment, collection, and disposal facilities. The projections shall be made in January, based on the last three years' average dry weather flows, peak wet weather flows and total annual flows, as appropriate. When any projection shows that capacity of any part of the facilities may be exceeded in four years, the discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board by 31 January.

3. In accordance with California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, engineering and geologic evaluations and judgments shall be performed by or under the direction of registered professionals competent and proficient in the fields pertinent to the required activities. All technical reports specified herein that contain workplans for investigations and studies, that describe the conduct of investigations and studies, or that contain technical conclusions and recommendations concerning engineering and geology shall be prepared by or under the direction of appropriately qualified professional(s), even if not explicitly stated. Each technical report submitted by the Discharger shall bear the professional's signature and stamp.

4. The Discharger shall submit the technical reports and work plans required by this Order for consideration by the Executive Officer, and incorporate comments the Executive Officer may have in a timely manner, as appropriate. Unless expressly stated otherwise in this Order, the Discharger shall proceed with all work required by the foregoing provisions by the due dates specified.

5. The Discharger shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) R5-2020-0010, which is part of this Order, and any revisions thereto as ordered by the Executive Officer. The submittal dates of Discharger self-monitoring reports shall be no later than the submittal date specified in the MRP.

6. The Discharger shall comply with the "Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements", dated 1 March 1991, which are attached hereto and made part of this Order by reference. This attachment and its individual paragraphs are commonly referenced as "Standard Provision(s)."

7. The Discharger shall comply with all conditions of this Order, including timely submittal of technical and monitoring reports. On or before each report due date, the Discharger shall submit the specified document to the Central Valley Water Board or, if appropriate, a written report detailing compliance or noncompliance with the specific schedule date and task. If noncompliance is being reported, then the Discharger shall state the reasons for such noncompliance and provide an estimate of the date when the Discharger will be in compliance. The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing when it returns to compliance with the time schedule. Violations may result in enforcement action, including Central Valley Water Board or court orders requiring corrective action or imposing civil monetary liability, or in revision or rescission of this Order.
8. The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also include adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by the Discharger when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order.

9. The Discharger shall use the best practicable cost-effective control technique(s) including proper operation and maintenance, to comply with this Order.

10. The Discharger shall provide certified wastewater treatment plant operators in accordance with Title 23, division 3, chapter 26.

11. As described in the Standard Provisions, the Discharger shall report promptly to the Central Valley Water Board any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge.

12. The Discharger shall report to the Central Valley Water Board any toxic chemical release data it reports to the State Emergency Response Commission within 15 days of reporting the data to the Commission pursuant to section 313 of the "Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986."

13. The Discharger shall not allow pollutant-free wastewater to be discharged into the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems in amounts that significantly diminish the system's capability to comply with this Order. Pollutant-free wastewater means rainfall, groundwater, cooling waters, and condensates that are essentially free of pollutants.

14. At least 90 days prior to termination or expiration of any lease, contract, or agreement involving disposal or recycling areas or off-site reuse of effluent, used to justify the capacity authorized herein and assure compliance with this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing of the situation and of what measures have been taken or are being taken to assure full compliance with this Order.

15. In the event of any change in control or ownership of the facility, the Discharger must notify the succeeding owner or operator of the existence of this Order by letter, a copy of which shall be immediately forwarded to the Central Valley Water Board.

16. To assume operation as Discharger under this Order, the succeeding owner or operator must apply in writing to the Executive Officer requesting transfer of the Order. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the state of incorporation if a corporation, the name and address and telephone number of the persons responsible for contact with the Central Valley Water Board, and a statement. The statement shall comply with the signatory paragraph of Standard
Provision B.3 and state that the new owner or operator assumes full responsibility for compliance with this Order. Failure to submit the request shall be considered a discharge without requirements, a violation of the CWC. If approved by the Executive Officer, the transfer request will be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board for its consideration of transferring the ownership of this Order at one of its regularly scheduled meetings.

17. A copy of this Order including the MRP, Information Sheet, Attachments, and Standard Provisions, shall be kept at the discharge facility for reference by operating personnel. Key operating personnel shall be familiar with its contents.

18. The Central Valley Water Board will review this Order periodically and will revise requirements when necessary.

If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement, may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability, or may take other enforcement actions. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to $10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to the Water Code, including sections 13268, 13350 and 13385. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board for administrative review in accordance with Water Code section 13320, and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050 et seq. To be timely, the State Water Board must receive the petition by 5pm on the 30th day after the date of this Order, except that if the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or California State holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5pm on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the internet at the California State Water Resources Control Board’s Public Notices Water Quality Petitions webpage (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality), or will be provided upon request.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 20 February 2020.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer
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<td>Biological oxygen demand</td>
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This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) is issued pursuant to Water Code section 13267 and establishes monitoring and reporting requirements for the Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant Wastewater Treatment Facility. Harris Farms, Inc. dba Harris Ranch (Discharger) shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until the Central Valley Water Board adopts, or the Executive Officer issues, a revised MRP.

All samples shall be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge or matrix of material sampled. Except as specified otherwise in this MRP, grab samples will be considered representative of water, wastewater, soil, solids/sludges, and groundwater. Changes to sample location(s) shall be established with concurrence of Central Valley Water Board staff, and a description of the revised station(s) shall be submitted for approval by the Executive Officer prior to use.

The time, date, and location of each sample shall be recorded on the sample chain of custody form. All analyses shall be performed in accordance with the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements, dated 1 March 1991 (Standard Provisions). Field test instruments (such as those used to measure pH, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, wind speed, and precipitation) may be used provided that:

1. The operator is trained in proper use and maintenance of the instruments;
2. The instruments are field calibrated at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer;
3. The instruments are serviced and/or calibrated at the manufacturer’s recommended frequency; and
4. Field calibration reports are submitted as described in the “Reporting” section of the MRP.

Laboratory analytical procedures shall comply with the methods and holding times specified in the following (as applicable to the medium to be analyzed):

- Methods for Organic Chemical Analysis of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater (EPA);
- Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste (EPA);
- Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes (EPA);
- Methods for Determination of Inorganic Substances in Environmental Samples (EPA);
- Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA/AWWA/WEF); and
Approved editions shall be those that are approved for use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the State Water Resources Control Board’s Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The Discharger may propose alternative methods for approval by the Executive Officer. Where technically feasible, laboratory reporting limits shall be lower than concentrations that implement applicable water quality objectives or limits for the constituents to be analyzed.

If monitoring consistently shows no significant variation in a constituent concentration or parameter after at least eight (8) consecutive monitoring events, the Discharger may request the MRP be revised to reduce monitoring frequency. The proposal must include adequate technical justification for the requested reduction in monitoring frequency.

A glossary of terms used in this MRP is included on the last page.

The Discharger shall monitor the following locations to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this Order.

**Table 1 Monitoring locations: name and description**

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<td>SPL-001</td>
<td>Point where a representative sample of the Discharger’s source water (treated from the Coalinga Canal) can be obtained.</td>
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<td>INF-001</td>
<td>Process point where a representative sample of the WWTF influent can be obtained prior to any treatment process.</td>
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<td>EFF-001, EFF-002</td>
<td>Process points where a representative sample of the WWTF effluent can be obtained prior to discharge to evaporation / percolation ponds.</td>
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<td>PND-005, PND-006, PND-002, PND-003</td>
<td>Evaporation / percolation ponds (“storage” ponds that contain effluent while it percolates and evaporates away)</td>
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**SOURCE WATER MONITORING**

The Discharger shall collect source water samples at SPL-001, upstream of any facility users. Time of collection of the grab sample shall be recorded. If the source water is from more than one actual location, the results shall be presented as a flow-weighted average of all source water locations. Source water monitoring shall include at least the following:

**Table 2 Source water monitoring parameters and frequencies.**

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<td>Electrical conductivity (EC)</td>
<td>µmhos/cm</td>
<td>grab</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
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<td>Standard minerals</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab</td>
<td>Once every three years</td>
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Starting in 2018 under the previous MRP, samples for standard (general) minerals were to be collected once every three years, so the next standard minerals sampling shall be in 2021 and every three years thereafter. Standard mineral analysis shall include:

- Alkalinity, bicarbonate, and carbonate as calcium carbonate (CaCO₃)
- Boron
- Calcium
- Chloride
- Iron
- Manganese
- Magnesium
- Potassium
- Sodium
- Sulfate
- Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

**INFLUENT MONITORING**

The Discharger shall collect influent samples at INF-001, situated at the headworks of the wastewater treatment facility, prior to any treatment of waste. Composite period of the sample shall be recorded. Influent monitoring shall include at least the following, as listed in Table 3.

**Table 3 Influent monitoring parameters and frequencies**

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<td>mgd</td>
<td>meter reading</td>
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<tr>
<td>pH</td>
<td>standard units</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical conductivity (EC)</td>
<td>μmhos/cm</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅)</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
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<td>Nitrate as nitrogen</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
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<td>Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN)</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
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**EFFLUENT MONITORING**

The Discharger shall collect effluent samples at EFF-001 and EFF-002, situated at the outlet of each Secondary aeration pond, in the discharge lines to the percolation / evaporation (“storage”) ponds. Grab samples collected from a pipeline will be considered representative. Effluent monitoring is only required during periods when wastewater is discharged to the storage pond(s). If no wastewater was discharged to storage ponds, the corresponding monitoring report shall so state. Time of the grab sample shall be recorded. Effluent monitoring shall include at least the following, where “total nitrogen” shall include the sum of results for nitrate and ammonia nitrogen and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen.
Table 4 Effluent monitoring parameters and frequencies.

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<td>( \text{BOD}_5 )</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
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<td>Ammonia as nitrogen</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total nitrogen</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
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<td>Monthly</td>
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<td>Total Suspended Solids (TSS)</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab (composite)</td>
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POND MONITORING

A permanent marker (e.g. staff gauge) shall be placed in all WWTF treatment and storage (evaporation / percolation) ponds. The markers shall have calibrations indicating water level at the design capacity and available operational freeboard depth.

Storage pond monitoring at locations PND-005, PND-006, PND-002, and PND-003 shall be performed on any pond containing water more than one foot deep. If any pond is dry, the monitoring report shall so state. If any pond is not dry but has a wastewater level of less than one foot then no sample shall be taken, and the reason shall be noted in the sampling log. The time of collection of a grab sample shall be recorded.

Freeboard shall be measured vertically from the water surface to the lowest elevation of pond berm (or spillway/overflow pipe invert), and shall be measured to the nearest 0.1 feet. Storage pond monitoring shall include at least the following:

Table 5 Storage pond monitoring parameters and frequencies.

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<td>Freeboard</td>
<td>feet (to 0.1 ft)</td>
<td>measurement</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>Dissolved Oxygen (DO) [note 1]</td>
<td>mg/L</td>
<td>grab</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
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<td>EC</td>
<td>( \mu \text{mhos/cm} )</td>
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<td>Pond conditions</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>observation</td>
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note 1. DO shall be measured between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and shall be taken opposite the pond inlet at a depth of approximately one foot.
Should the DO be below 1.0 mg/L during a weekly sampling event, the Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to correct the problem and commence daily DO monitoring in the affected pond until the minimum DO concentration is achieved for at least three consecutive days. If the DO in any single pond is below 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive days, the Discharger shall report the findings to the Regional Water Board in accordance with General Reporting Requirement B.1 of the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements. The written notification shall include a specific plan to resolve the low DO results within 30 days of the first date of violation.

The Discharger shall inspect the condition of the ponds monthly while wastewater is in the ponds and record visual observations in a bound logbook. Pond conditions notations shall include observations of whether weeds are developing in the water or along the bank, and their location(s); whether grease, algae, vegetation, scum, or debris are accumulating on the pond surface, and their location(s); whether burrowing animals or insects are present; whether odors are present; and color of the water (e.g., dark green, black, dull green, brown, etc.). A summary of the entries made in the log shall be included in the subsequent monitoring report.

REPORTING

All regulatory documents, submissions, materials, data, monitoring reports, and correspondence shall be converted to a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50MB should be emailed to: CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to the following address:

   Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
   1685 “E” Street  
   Fresno, CA  93706-2007

To ensure that your submittals are routed to the appropriate staff, the following information block should be included in any correspondence used to transmit documents to this office:

   Program:  Non-15  
   WDID:      5D100117001  
   Facility:  Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant WWTF  
   Order:     R5-2020-0010

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, sample type (e.g., effluent, pond, etc.), and reported analytical result for each sample are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to clearly illustrate compliance with waste discharge requirements and spatial or temporal trends, as applicable. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the locations specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported to the Central Valley Water Board in the next scheduled monitoring report.
All monitoring reports shall comply with the signatory requirements in Standard Provision B.3. For a Discharger conducting any of its own analyses, reports must also be signed and certified by the chief of the laboratory.

Laboratory reports submitted in compliance with this MRP shall be accompanied by a MS Excel file or equivalent that includes the analytical data found in the laboratory report. MS Excel files or equivalents must be generated by the laboratory or compiled by the Discharger. At a minimum, the file shall include the constituent name, sample location, sample name, sample date, analysis date, analytical method, dilution factor, result, units, and method detection limit (MDL). Electronic files shall either be mailed to the Central Valley Water Board Office on an electronic storage device or sent via electronic mail to CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov. Either method of delivery shall include, at a minimum, a copy of the transmittal letter.

In addition to the details specified in Standard Provision C.3, monitoring information shall include the MDL and the reporting limit (RL) or practical quantitation limit (PQL). If the regulatory limit for a given constituent is less than the RL (or PQL), then any analytical results for that constituent that are below the RL (or PQL) but above the MDL shall be reported and flagged as estimated.

All monitoring reports that involve planning, investigation, evaluation, or design, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1.

A. Quarterly Monitoring Reports

All monitoring results shall be reported in Quarterly Monitoring Reports which are due by the 1st day of the second month after the calendar quarter. Therefore, monitoring reports are due as follows:

- First Quarter Monitoring Report (January – March): 1 May
- Second Quarter Monitoring Report (April – June): 1 August
- Third Quarter Monitoring Report (July – September): 1 November
- Fourth Quarter Monitoring Report (October – December): 1 February

At a minimum, the report shall include:

1. Results of Influent Monitoring, including calculated values for total flow and average daily flow for each month, and total annual flow to date.
2. Results of Effluent Monitoring, including calculated percent change in BOD and total nitrogen.
3. Results of Pond Monitoring for the quarter.
4. Results of Source Water (water supply) monitoring for the reported quarter.
5. A comparison of monitoring data to the flow limitations, effluent limitations, and discharge specifications and an explanation of any violation of those requirements;

6. A summary of the notations made in the pond monitoring log during the quarter, including copies of inspection log page(s).

B. Annual Monitoring Reports

An Annual Report shall be submitted by 1 February of each year. It shall include the following in addition to the fourth quarter monitoring report items listed above.

Influent Monitoring

1. Total annual influent flow, average monthly flows for each month of the year, and the average dry weather flow compared to the flow limits in these WDRs.

Sludge Monitoring

2. Annual production totals in dry tons or cubic yards, with units clearly noted.
3. Effective 2020, and every five years thereafter, a written evaluation of sludge depth for each pond and sludge removal plans pursuant to Discharge Specification C.14.
4. A description of disposal methods, including information related to the disposal methods used. If more than one method is used, include the percentage disposed of by each method.
5. For landfill disposal include the name and location of the landfill and the order number of WDRs that regulate it.
6. For land application include the location of the site and the order number of any WDRs that regulate it.
7. For incineration include the name and location of the site where incineration occurs, the order number of WDRs that regulate the incineration facility, the disposal method of ash, and the name and location of the ash-receiving facility, if applicable.
8. For composting include the location of the site and the order number of any WDRs that regulate it.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Information Summary

9. The results of an annual evaluation conducted pursuant to Standard Provision E.4, with a figure depicting monthly average discharge flow for the previous five (5) calendar years.

10. A summary and discussion of compliance with these WDRs for the reporting period. If violations have occurred, the report shall also discuss the corrective actions taken and or planned to bring the discharge into full compliance with this Order.
11. The names, certificate grades, and general responsibilities of all persons in charge of wastewater treatment and disposal.

12. Names and telephone numbers of persons to contact regarding the WWTF for routine and emergency situations.

13. A statement certifying when each handheld monitoring instruments and devices were last calibrated, including identification of the person who performed the calibrations (per Standard Provision C.4).

14. A statement whether the current Operation and Maintenance Manual, Sampling Plan, and Contingency Plan reflect the WWTF as currently constructed and operated. Include the dates when these documents were last reviewed.

15. A brief discussion of any data gaps and potential deficiencies or redundancies in the monitoring system or reporting program.

A letter transmitting the self-monitoring reports shall accompany each report. The letter shall include a discussion of requirement violations found during the reporting period, and actions taken or planned for correcting noted violations, such as operation or facility modifications. If the submitting Discharger has previously submitted a report describing corrective actions and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory. The transmittal letter shall contain the penalty of perjury statement by the submitting Discharger or its authorized agent as described in the Section B.3 of the Standard Provisions.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the first day of the month following adoption of this Order.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Monitoring and Reporting Program issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 20 February 2020.

Ordered by: 

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer
### GLOSSARY

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ORDER R5-2020-0010
HARRIS FARMS dba HARRIS RANCH
HARRIS RANCH INN & RESTAURANT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
FRESNO COUNTY

Background

Harris Farms, Inc. dba Harris Ranch owns and operates Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant at the intersection of Interstate 5 and West Dorris Avenue in Western Fresno County. The Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant complex is supported by an on-site wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that produces undisinfected secondary treated wastewater.

The WWTF serves the inn and restaurant complex which consists of four restaurants, a gas station with convenience store and deli, a general store with meat market and bakery, a 153-room hotel, and the local CalFire firehouse. Wastewater gravity flows to the WWTF where it receives treatment prior to disposal in six evaporation/percolation ponds.

The WWTF consists of a lift pump, twin unlined aeration basins, and six ponds for evaporation and percolation of the treated effluent. The WWTF is operated by California Water Services (Cal Water). The Board currently regulates the discharge from the WWTF under Waste Discharge Requirements Order 85-159 and its Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Wastewater and Sludge Disposal

From the collection system, influent wastewater flows through a solids-removal auger which has a continuous water spray, allowing trash to be moved out while soil-like solids remain suspended in the wastewater stream. The wastewater then is lifted via a lift pump to one of two continuously aerated basins. After treatment in the aeration basin, wastewater is pumped to an evaporation and percolation pond.

Following system modifications, one of the evaporation and percolation ponds will be divided in two, with aerators added to make twin benthic stabilization (or polishing) ponds. When these are in place the flow out of the primary aeration ponds will be by gravity to the polishing ponds, then flow will go through a distribution box and directed to one of the remaining 5 evaporation and percolation ponds.

Cal Water removes surface duckweed from the evaporation/percolation ponds periodically. Waste sludge is handled only after the pond from which it is removed has been allowed to dry. The waste sludge at the pond bottom is either tilled in directly to the pond bottom or is collected and hauled off-site to a permitted landfill.

Groundwater Considerations

Located southeast of Big Blue Hills and due east of the Diablo Range, the WWTF is near the western edge of the southern half of Groundwater Basin 5-022.09, San Joaquin Valley, Westside. U. S. Soil Conservation Service surveys record the soil underlying the ponds as Panhill sandy loam with 0 to 3 percent slopes.
Depth to groundwater was approximately 500 feet below ground surface (bgs) in Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 based on data reported in the Groundwater Information Center's Interactive Map Application (https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/gicima/). The closest groundwater wells are more than one mile away from the WWTF.

**Legal Effect of Rescission of Prior WDRs or Orders on Existing Violations**

The Board’s rescission of prior waste discharge requirements and/or monitoring and reporting orders does not extinguish any violations that may have occurred during the time those waste discharge requirements or orders were in effect. The Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to take enforcement actions to address violations of prior prohibitions, limitations, specifications, requirements, or provisions of rescinded waste discharge requirements or orders as allowed by law.

**CV-SALTS Regulatory Considerations**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Basin Plan amendments incorporating new programs for addressing ongoing salt and nitrate accumulation in the Central Valley at its 31 May 2018 Meeting. On 16 October 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a resolution approving the Central Valley Water Board Basin Plan amendments and also directed the Central Valley Water Board to make targeted revisions to the Basin Plan amendments within one year from the approval of the Basin Plan amendments by the Office of Administrative Law.

These programs, once implemented, could change how the Central Valley Water Board permits discharges of salt and nitrate. The Salinity Control Program currently being developed would subject dischargers that do not meet stringent salinity numeric values (700 µmhos/cm EC as a monthly average to protect AGR beneficial use) to performance-based salinity requirements, and would require these dischargers to participate in a Basin-wide Prioritization and Optimization Study to develop a long-term strategy for addressing salinity accumulation in the Central Valley. The level of participation required of dischargers whose discharges do not meet stringent salinity requirements will vary based on factors such as the amount of salinity in the discharge, local conditions, and type of discharge. The Central Valley Water Board anticipates that the CV-SALTS initiative will result in regulatory changes that will be implemented through conditional prohibitions and modifications to many WDRs region-wide. More information regarding this regulatory planning process can be found on the Central Valley Water Boards’ Water Issues: CV-SALTS webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/salinity/).

**Reopener**

The conditions of discharge in the proposed Order were developed based on currently available technical information and applicable water quality laws, regulations, policies, and plans and are intended to assure conformance with them. It may be appropriate to reopen the Order if new technical information is received or if applicable laws and regulations change.
A. General Provisions:

1. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to the property of another, or protect the Discharger from liabilities under federal, state, or local laws. This Order does not convey any property rights or exclusive privileges.

2. The provisions of this Order are severable. If any provision of this Order is held invalid, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected.

3. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
   a. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
   b. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
   c. A change in any condition that results in either a temporary or permanent need to reduce or eliminate the authorized discharge;
   d. A material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge.

4. Before making a material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge, the discharger shall file a new Report of Waste Discharge with the Regional Board. A material change includes, but is not limited to, the following:
   a. An increase in area or depth to be used for solid waste disposal beyond that specified in waste discharge requirements.
   b. A significant change in disposal method, location or volume, e.g., change from land disposal to land treatment.
   c. The addition of a major industrial, municipal or domestic waste discharge facility.
   d. The addition of a major industrial waste discharge to a discharge of essentially domestic sewage, or the addition of a new process or product by an industrial facility resulting in a change in the character of the waste.
5. Except for material determined to be confidential in accordance with California law and regulations, all reports prepared in accordance with terms of this Order shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Board. Data on waste discharges, water quality, geology, and hydrogeology shall not be considered confidential.

6. The discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of the state resulting from noncompliance with this Order. Such steps shall include accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncompliance.

7. The discharger shall maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible any facility, control system, or monitoring device installed to achieve compliance with the waste discharge requirements.

8. The discharger shall permit representatives of the Regional Board (hereafter Board) and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon presentations of credentials, to:
   a. Enter premises where wastes are treated, stored, or disposed of and facilities in which any records are kept,
   b. Copy any records required to be kept under terms and conditions of this Order,
   c. Inspect at reasonable hours, monitoring equipment required by this Order, and
   d. Sample, photograph and video tape any discharge, waste, waste management unit, or monitoring device.

9. For any electrically operated equipment at the site, the failure of which would cause loss of control or containment of waste materials, or violation of this Order, the discharger shall employ safeguards to prevent loss of control over wastes. Such safeguards may include alternate power sources, standby generators, retention capacity, operating procedures, or other means.

10. The fact that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in Order to maintain compliance with this Order shall not be a defense for the discharger’s violations of the Order.

11. Neither the treatment nor the discharge shall create a condition of nuisance or pollution as defined by the California Water Code, Section 13050.

12. The discharge shall remain within the designated disposal area at all times.

B. General Reporting Requirements:

1. In the event the discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply with any prohibition or limitation of this Order for any reason, the discharger shall notify the Board by telephone at (916) 464-3291. [Note: Current phone numbers for all three Regional Board offices may be found on the Central Valley Waterboards' website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/)] as soon as it or its agents.
have knowledge of such noncompliance or potential for noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing within two weeks. The written notification shall state the nature, time and cause of noncompliance, and shall include a timetable for corrective actions.

2. The discharger shall have a plan for preventing and controlling accidental discharges, and for minimizing the effect of such events.

This plan shall:

a. Identify the possible sources of accidental loss or leakage of wastes from each waste management, treatment, or disposal facility.

b. Evaluate the effectiveness of present waste management/treatment units and operational procedures, and identify needed changes of contingency plans.

c. Predict the effectiveness of the proposed changes in waste management/treatment facilities and procedures and provide an implementation schedule containing interim and final dates when changes will be implemented.

The Board, after review of the plan, may establish conditions that it deems necessary to control leakages and minimize their effects.

3. All reports shall be signed by persons identified below:

a. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president.

b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.

c. For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected or appointed official.

d. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in 3a, 3b or 3c of this requirement if;

   (1) the authorization is made in writing by a person described in 3a, 3b or 3c of this provision;

   (2) the authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a waste management unit, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

   (3) the written authorization is submitted to the Board
Any person signing a document under this Section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of the those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.”

4. Technical and monitoring reports specified in this Order are requested pursuant to Section 13267 of the Water Code. Failing to furnish the reports by the specified deadlines and falsifying information in the reports, are misdemeanors that may result in assessment of civil liabilities against the discharger.

5. The discharger shall mail a copy of each monitoring report and any other reports required by this Order to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Note: Current addresses for all three Regional Board offices may be found on the Central Valley Waterboard website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us) or the current address if the office relocates.

C. Provisions for Monitoring:

1. All analyses shall be made in accordance with the latest edition of: (1) *Methods for Organic Chemical Analysis of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater* (EPA 600 Series) and (2) *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (SW 846-latest edition). The test method may be modified subject to application and approval of alternate test procedures under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 136).

2. Chemical, bacteriological, and bioassay analysis shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services. In the event a certified laboratory is not available to the discharger, analyses performed by a noncertified laboratory will be accepted provided a Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program is instituted by the laboratory. A manual containing the steps followed in this program must be kept in the laboratory and shall be available for inspection by Board staff. The Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program must conform to EPA guidelines or to procedures approved by the Board.

   Unless otherwise specified, all metals shall be reported as Total Metals.

3. The discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings of continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to
complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Regional Board Executive Officer.

Record of monitoring information shall include:

a. the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements,
b. the individual(s) who performed the sampling of the measurements,
c. the date(s) analyses were performed,
d. the individual(s) who performed the analyses,
e. the laboratory which performed the analysis,
f. the analytical techniques or methods used, and
g. the results of such analyses.

4. All monitoring instruments and devices used by the discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated at least yearly to ensure their continued accuracy.

5. The discharger shall maintain a written sampling program sufficient to assure compliance with the terms of this Order. Anyone performing sampling on behalf of the discharger shall be familiar with the sampling plan.

6. The discharger shall construct all monitoring wells to meet or exceed the standards stated in the State Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74-81 and subsequent revisions, and shall comply with the reporting provisions for wells required by Water Code Sections 13750 through 13755.22

D. Standard Conditions for Facilities Subject to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 15 (Chapter 15)

1. All classified waste management units shall be designed under the direct supervision of a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist. Designs shall include a Construction Quality Assurance Plan, the purpose of which is to:

a. demonstrate that the waste management unit has been constructed according to the specifications and plans as approved by the Board.

b. provide quality control on the materials and construction practices used to construct the waste management unit and prevent the use of inferior products and/or materials which do not meet the approved design plans or specifications.

2. Prior to the discharge of waste to any classified waste management unit, a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist must certify that the waste management unit meets the construction or prescriptive standards and performance goals in Chapter 15, unless an engineered alternative has been approved by the Board. In the case of an engineered alternative, the registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist must
certify that the waste management unit has been constructed in accordance with Board-approved plans and specifications.

3. Materials used to construct liners shall have appropriate physical and chemical properties to ensure containment of discharged wastes over the operating life, closure, and post-closure maintenance period of the waste management units.

4. Closure of each waste management unit shall be performed under the direct supervision of a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist.

E. Conditions Applicable to Discharge Facilities Exempted from Chapter 15 Under Section 2511

1. If the discharger’s wastewater treatment plant is publicly owned or regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, it shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certificates of appropriate grade according to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 4, Chapter 14.

2. By-pass (the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, except diversions designed to meet variable effluent limits) is prohibited. The Board may take enforcement action against the discharger for by-pass unless:

   a. (1) By-pass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. (Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities that causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a by-pass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production); and

   (2) There were no feasible alternatives to by-pass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or retention of untreated waste. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a by-pass that would otherwise occur during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; or

   b. (1) by-pass is required for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation; and

   (2) neither effluent nor receiving water limitations are exceeded; and

   (3) the discharger notifies the Board ten days in advance.

The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated by-pass as required in paragraph B.1. above.

3. A discharger that wishes to establish the affirmative defense of an upset (see definition in E.6 below) in an action brought for noncompliance shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other evidence, that:
a. an upset occurred and the cause(s) can be identified;

b. the permitted facility was being properly operated at the time of the upset;

c. the discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph B.1. above; and

d. the discharger complied with any remedial measures required by waste discharge requirements.

In any enforcement proceeding, the discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

4. A discharger whose waste flow has been increasing, or is projected to increase, shall estimate when flows will reach hydraulic and treatment capacities of its treatment, collection, and disposal facilities. The projections shall be made in January, based on the last three years’ average dry weather flows, peak wet weather flows and total annual flows, as appropriate. When any projection shows that capacity of any part of the facilities may be exceeded in four years, the discharger shall notify the Board by 31 January.

5. Effluent samples shall be taken downstream of the last addition of wastes to the treatment or discharge works where a representative sample may be obtained prior to disposal. Samples shall be collected at such a point and in such a manner to ensure a representative sample of the discharge.

6. Definitions

   a. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Discharger. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper action.

   b. The monthly average discharge is the total discharge by volume during a calendar month divided by the number of days in the month that the facility was discharging. This number is to be reported in gallons per day or million gallons per day.

     Where less than daily sampling is required by this Order, the monthly average shall be determined by the summation of all the measured discharges by the number of days during the month when the measurements were made.

   c. The monthly average concentration is the arithmetic mean of measurements made during the month.

   d. The “daily maximum” discharge is the total discharge by volume during any day.
e. The “daily maximum” concentration is the highest measurement made on any single
discrete sample or composite sample.

f. A “grab” sample is any sample collected in less than 15 minutes.

g. Unless otherwise specified, a composite sample is a combination of individual samples
collected over the specified sampling period;

   (1) at equal time intervals, with a maximum interval of one hour

   (2) at varying time intervals (average interval one hour or less) so that each sample
represents an equal portion of the cumulative flow.

The duration of the sampling period shall be specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program.
The method of compositing shall be reported with the results.

7. Annual Pretreatment Report Requirements:

Applies to dischargers required to have a Pretreatment Program as stated in waste discharge
requirements.)

The annual report shall be submitted by 28 February and include, but not be limited to, the
following items:

a. A summary of analytical results from representative, flow-proportioned, 24-hour composite
sampling of the influent and effluent for those pollutants EPA has identified under
Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act which are known or suspected to be discharged by
industrial users.

The discharger is not required to sample and analyze for asbestos until EPA promulgates an
Sludge shall be sampled during the same 24-hour period and analyzed for the same pollutants
as the influent and effluent sampling analysis. The sludge analyzed shall be a composite
sample of a minimum of 12 discrete samples taken at equal time intervals over the 24-hour
period. Wastewater and sludge sampling and analysis shall be performed at least annually.
The discharger shall also provide any influent, effluent or sludge monitoring data for
nonpriority pollutants which may be causing or contributing to Interference, Pass Through or
adversely impacting sludge quality. Sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance
with the techniques prescribed in 40 CFR Part 136 and amendments thereto.

b. A discussion of Upset, Interference, or Pass Through incidents, if any, at the treatment plant
which the discharger knows or suspects were caused by industrial users of the system. The
discussion shall include the reasons why the incidents occurred, the corrective actions taken
and, if known, the name and address of the industrial user(s) responsible. The discussion
shall also include a review of the applicable pollutant limitations to determine whether any
additional limitations, or changes to existing requirements, may be necessary to prevent Pass Through, Interference, or noncompliance with sludge disposal requirements.

c. The cumulative number of industrial users that the discharger has notified regarding Baseline Monitoring Reports and the cumulative number of industrial user responses.

d. An updated list of the discharger’s industrial users including their names and addresses, or a list of deletions and additions keyed to a previously submitted list. The discharger shall provide a brief explanation for each deletion. The list shall identify the industrial users subject to federal categorical standards by specifying which set(s) of standards are applicable. The list shall indicate which categorical industries, or specific pollutants from each industry, are subject to local limitations that are more stringent that the federal categorical standards. The discharger shall also list the noncategorical industrial users that are subject only to local discharge limitations. The discharger shall characterize the compliance status through the year of record of each industrial user by employing the following descriptions:

(1) Complied with baseline monitoring report requirements (where applicable);

(2) Consistently achieved compliance;

(3) Inconsistently achieved compliance;

(4) Significantly violated applicable pretreatment requirements as defined by 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vii);

(5) Complied with schedule to achieve compliance (include the date final compliance is required);

(6) Did not achieve compliance and not on a compliance schedule;

(7) Compliance status unknown.

A report describing the compliance status of any industrial user characterized by the descriptions in items (d)(3) through (d)(7) above shall be submitted quarterly from the annual report date to EPA and the Board. The report shall identify the specific compliance status of each such industrial user. This quarterly reporting requirement shall commence upon issuance of this Order.

e. A summary of the inspection and sampling activities conducted by the discharger during the past year to gather information and data regarding the industrial users. The summary shall include but not be limited to, a tabulation of categories of dischargers that were inspected and sampled; how many and how often; and incidents of noncompliance detected.
f. A summary of the compliance and enforcement activities during the past year. The summary shall include the names and addresses of the industrial users affected by the following actions:

(1) Warning letters or notices of violation regarding the industrial user’s apparent noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the apparent violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;

(2) Administrative Orders regarding the industrial user’s noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;

(3) Civil actions regarding the industrial user’s noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;

(4) Criminal actions regarding the industrial user’s noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;

(5) Assessment of monetary penalties. For each industrial user identify the amount of the penalties;

(6) Restriction of flow to the treatment plant; or

(7) Disconnection from discharge to the treatment plant.

g. A description of any significant changes in operating the pretreatment program which differ from the discharger’s approved Pretreatment Program, including, but not limited to, changes concerning: the program’s administrative structure; local industrial discharge limitations; monitoring program or monitoring frequencies; legal authority of enforcement policy; funding mechanisms; resource requirements; and staffing levels.

h. A summary of the annual pretreatment budget, including the cost of pretreatment program functions and equipment purchases.

i. A summary of public participation activities to involve and inform the public.

j. A description of any changes in sludge disposal methods and a discussion of any concerns not described elsewhere in the report.

Duplicate signed copies of these reports shall be submitted to the Board and:
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and

State Water Resource Control Board
Division of Water Quality
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