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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

16 August 2021

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**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2004-0012-DWQ;  
PLANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT; PLANADA WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT FACILITY; MERCED COUNTY**

On 7 May 2015, the Executive Office of the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) granting coverage under Water Quality Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Biosolids to Land for use as a Soil Amendment in Agricultural, Silvicultural, Horticultural, and Land Reclamation Activities* (Biosolids General Order) for land application of biosolids by Planada Community Services District (District) to 37 acres of its land south of its wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The District was issued enrollee number 2004-0012-DWQ-0014. On 17 July 2021, the District requested termination of coverage under the Biosolids General Order.

The District has not reportedly land applied biosolids since 2015. The application of biosolids was a one-time occurrence as part of improvements to the WWTF. Currently, the WWTF does not generate any solids/biosolids for disposal. Planada CSD anticipates dredging the ponds every ten to fifteen years. Provision G.27 of Waste Discharge Requirements R5-2013-0021 required Planada CSD to submit a Solids Management Plan that describes proposed solids and sludge/biosolids handling practices at the WWTF by 8 August 2013. Based on our records, the Solids Management Plan is still outstanding. Please submit the Solids Management Plan by **15 October 2021**.

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This letter serves as a formal notice that the District's coverage under the Biosolids General Order (enrollee number 2004-0012-DWQ-0014) is hereby terminated. In the future, prior to initiating any discharge of biosolids to land, the District shall complete a Notice of Intent and appropriate filing fee to obtain coverage under the Biosolids General Order. Coverage does not begin until an NOA subject to Executive Officer approval has been issued.

### **SALT AND NITRATE CONTROL PROGRAMS**

As part of the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) initiative, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Basin Plan amendments (Resolution R5-2018-0034) incorporating new program for addressing ongoing salt and nitrate accumulation in the Central Valley at its 31 May 2018 Board Meeting.

For the Nitrate Control Program, the project is within Groundwater Basin 5-22.04 (San Joaquin Valley – Merced), a Priority 2 basin/sub-basin. Notices to Comply under the Nitrate Control Program for Priority 2 facilities have not yet been issued. For the Salt Control Program, on 5 January 2021 the Central Valley Water Board issued the District a Notice to Comply for the Planada CSD Biosolids Application (CV-SALTS ID: 2945). With the termination of coverage under the Biosolids General Order, the District is no longer required to comply with the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs for CV-SALTS ID: 2945. However, please note that the District is still required to comply with the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs for the Planada WWTF (CV-SALTS ID: 2722).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Soria by phone at (559) 444-2488 or by email at [denise.soria@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:denise.soria@waterboards.ca.gov).

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