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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081; SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) on 15 April 2009 from the Sacramento Suburban Water District (Discharger) for its water system discharges. Based on the information in the NOI and subsequent documentation, we have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (Low Threat General Order). This project is hereby assigned Low Threat General Order No. R5-2008-0081-028 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001.

The Low Threat General Order (enclosed) may also be viewed at the following web address: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire document. The Low Threat General Order prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA, the Low Threat General Order, and with the information submitted by the Discharger.

CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING

The Low Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxic Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, 2005, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP). The Discharger requested a categorical exception to the requirement for meeting the CTR pollutant criteria in the Low Threat General Order, as authorized by Section 5.3 of the SIP. The Discharger certified that its discharges are necessary to implement drinking water control measures conducted to fulfill statutory requirements under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the California Health and Safety Code.

California Environmental Protection Agency.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Discharger is required to make discharges as a result of operating a drinking water system. Discharges result from well pump-to-waste, well rehabilitation, existing well redevelopment, tank/reservoir dewatering, pipeline/tank pressure testing, distribution flushing, fire flow testing, and large meter testing. Discharge of superchlorinated water and construction dewatering is not covered under this Low Threat General Order.

The discharges are made to storm drains which flow to the following seven storm runoff channels within the Dischargers service area: Rio Linda Creek, Chicken Ranch Slough, Magpie Creek, Arcade Creek, Verde Cruz Creek, Goat Creek, and Strong Ranch Slough.

Of these storm runoff channels, only Arcade Creek is listed on the Clean Water Act 303(d) List of impaired water bodies. Arcade Creek is an impaired water body for copper. The Discharger submitted lab test results that confirmed there is no detectable copper in its discharge and therefore, there will be no effluent limitation for copper included in the Discharger's Low Threat General Order.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Discharger is required to comply with all the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in Attachment E of the Low Threat General Order. This includes notifying California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) staff 24 hours before the start of each new discharge, notification of noncompliance or anticipated noncompliance, and quarterly reporting of monitoring results.

Effluent and receiving water monitoring shall be conducted and submitted to the Regional Water Board on a quarterly basis. You must submit quarterly reports, even if there is no discharge or receiving water flow during the reporting quarter, until Regional Water Board staff formally terminate your coverage under the Low Threat General Order. Please reference your unique Order number, R5-2008-0081-028 in your correspondence and submitted documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger will be required to implement its Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Plan, if applicable. Discharge of material other than what is described in the application is prohibited.

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water Board) shall be submitted until this NOA is officially terminated. You must notify this office in writing if the discharge regulated by this Low Threat General Order is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this Low Threat General Order and avoid additional unnecessary billing.

Failure to comply with the Low Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability. Some late reporting and effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation [California Water Code Section 13385(h) and (i)]. If you have no discharge during a quarterly monitoring period, you

must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you may be subject to MMPs.

All monitoring reports submittals, discharge notifications, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement shall be directed to Ann Hopkinson at (916) 464-4825 or ahopkinson@waterboards.ca.gov. Questions regarding the permitting aspects of your Low Threat General Order coverage may be directed to Mike Negrete at (916) 464-4662 or mnegrete@waterboards.ca.gov.



for Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (Discharger only)

cc: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, San Francisco
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