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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL ORDER NO R5-2008-0081-097, (NPDES NO. CAG995001) DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS, WILD GOOSE LOOP PIPELINE PROJECT, BUTTE COUNTY (WDID 5A04NP00031)

Our office received application materials on 14 April 2011, submitted by TRC Solutions, for a Notice of Intent to comply with General Order No. R5-2008-0081 dewatering of the Wild Goose LLC, Phase 3 Project. The proposed dewatering activities are scheduled to be performed between 2 May 2011 through 1 December 2011.

Based on the information in the application package, 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 (General Order No R5-2008-0081). This project is hereby assigned **General Order Enrollee No. R5-2008-0081-097**.

The General Order (enclosed) may also be viewed at the following web address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/index.shtml#General

You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire document. The Order prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA, the General Order, and with the information submitted by the Discharger in the Notice of Intent.

PROJECT LOCATION

A 4.5 acre expansion will occur west of the existing Wild Goose facility located at 2780 West Liberty Road in Gridley, California (1 mile west of the intersection of West Liberty Road and Pennington Road).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The expansion will include foundation, structural, mechanical and piping development for an addition to the operations site, PG&E will modify the Delevan Interconnect Site to accommodate the increased withdrawal and injection flow of natural gas from the site, four new subsurface pipeline connections equaling approximately 200 feet in length will be installed, and the installation of a new 1,500-kilovolt ampere transformer which will also require upgrades to 6 miles of distribution lines. The dewatering activities of this project are regulated by the General Order. In an effort to avoid having to dewater trenches and excavations during construction the project proposes to install a Horizontal Water Recycle System (schematics in file). Pumps will direct water above ground through a discharge pipe and energy dissipater, then through a series of straw-bales used to help filter and settle the sediment before discharging into the roadside ditch on the north side of West Liberty Road. An alternate discharge location will be in the adjacent rice fields to the north and west of the site. Valves will be used to regulate flow of discharge.

REPORTING

Reporting requirements are found in Attachment E of the General Order. The Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the discharge complies with the waste discharge requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) shall be notified immediately if any violation, nuisance, or detriment to the receiving water is observed during implementation of the project. The project activities shall be in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order and in accordance with the information submitted in the Notice of Intent.

Failure to comply with the Effluent Limitations and Receiving Water Monitoring requirements in the General Order could result in an enforcement action as authorized by the provisions of the California Water Code (CWC). 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 Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until the NOA is officially terminated. You must notify this office in writing when the discharge regulated by this General Order is no longer necessary, so we may terminate applicability of this General Order and avoid additional unnecessary billing.

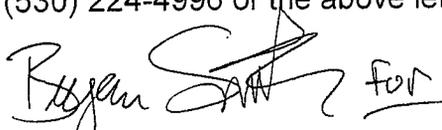
Violations of the effluent limitations contained in the Order may be subject to a \$3,000 Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) per violation for serious or chronic violations if certain conditions are met (Water Code Section 13385(h)). In addition, an effluent monitoring report received more than 30 days after its due date is subject to a \$3,000 MMP. An additional \$3,000 MMP is mandated for each additional 30 days a report is late. If you have no discharge, you must still submit a report indicating that no discharge occurred, or you may be subject to the MMP.

STORM WATER

Based on the project description, it appears that grading and/or other soil disturbing activities may occur. In order to protect water quality during construction, appropriate storm water pollution control measures must be implemented. If construction activities result in a land disturbance of one or more acres, the project will need to be covered under the General Construction Storm Water Permit (Order No. 99-08-DWQ). The permit requires that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared prior to construction activities. The Construction Storm Water Permit can be obtained from the Central Valley Water Board office or website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/index.shtml.

For more information on the Construction Storm Water Permit, please contact Scott Zaitz at (530) 224-4784. For more information on your General Order, please contact Heidi Bauer at (530) 224-4996 or the above letterhead address.



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