Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET OBJECTIVES/CRITERIA AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER ORDER R5-2023-0025 (MUNICIPAL GENERAL ORDER), NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) CAG585001; MARIPOSA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MARIPOSA COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent (NOI) dated 31 March 2023 from Mariposa Public Utility District (Discharger), for discharge of tertiary treated domestic wastewater from the Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) to Mariposa Creek. The Municipal General Order requires the submittal of an NOI to apply for regulatory coverage of a surface water discharge. Based on the NOI submitted by the Discharger, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have determined that the NOI requirements have been fulfilled and the Facility is eligible for coverage under the Municipal General Order. This Facility's discharge is assigned Municipal General Order Enrollee Number R5-2023-0025-015 under NPDES Permit CAG585001. Please reference your Municipal General Order Enrollee Number, **R5-2023-0025-015**, in your correspondence and submitted documents.

Discharges to surface water from the Facility are currently regulated by the Municipal General Order through the NOA issued by the Executive Officer on 5 March 2021, Municipal General Order enrollee number R5-2017-0085-017. This NOA (NOA R5-2023-0025-015), authorizing coverage under the Municipal General Order, shall become effective on **1 May 2026** and will supersede the current NOA, R5-2017-0085-017, at which time the terms and conditions in Order R5-2017-0085-017 will cease to be effective except for enforcement purposes. To meet the provisions contained in division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13000) and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Discharger shall comply with the requirements contained in the Municipal General Order and as specified in this NOA. This action in no way prevents the Central Valley Water Board from taking enforcement action for past violations of R5-2017-0085-017.

The enclosed Municipal General Order is available online (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/general_orders/r5-2023-0025_npdes.pdf) and can be requested by email or phone from the NPDES Permitting Contacts webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/contacts/). You are urged to familiarize yourself with the entire contents of the enclosed document.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program, Attachment E to the Municipal General Order, contains the general monitoring and reporting requirements. The Discharger specific monitoring and reporting requirements are included within this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 as Appendix D. **Only the monitoring and reporting requirements specifically listed in Appendix D of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 are applicable to this Facility.**

The discharge of treated domestic wastewater shall be in accordance with the requirements contained in the Municipal General Order, as specified in this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

Table 1. Facility Information

WDID	5C221012001
CIWQS Facility Place ID	273207
Discharger	Mariposa Public Utility District
Name of Facility	Wastewater Treatment Facility
Facility Street Address	4956 Miller Road
Facility City, State, Zip Code	Mariposa, CA 95338
Facility County	Mariposa County
Facility Contact, Title and Phone	Susan Wages, General Manager, (209) 966-2515
Authorized Person to Sign and Submit Reports	Susan Wages, General Manager, (209) 966-2515 Chris Toledo, Chief Plant Operator, (209) 966-3983
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 494 Mariposa, CA 95338
Billing Address	Same as mailing address
Type of Facility	Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
Major or Minor Facility	Minor
Threat to Water Quality	2
Complexity	B
Pretreatment Program	No
Recycling Requirements	No
Facility Design Average Dry Weather Flow (ADWF)	0.61 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD)
Permitted ADWF	0.61 MGD
Watershed	Mariposa Hydrologic Unit No. 538
Receiving Water	Mariposa Creek
Receiving Water Type	Inland Surface Water
Discharge Point 001	Latitude: 37° 28’ 45.11” N, Longitude: 119° 57’ 32.76” W

I. FACILITY INFORMATION

The Discharger provides sewerage service for the community of Mariposa and serves a population of approximately 2,000. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 0.61 MGD.

The tertiary treatment system at the Facility consists of the following:

- Headworks with bar screen comminutor and drum screen
- Anoxic basin
- Oxidation ditch
- Recycle pump station
- Two secondary clarifiers
- Return and waste sludge pumps
- Cooling tower
- Multi-media filter
- UV disinfection system
- Chemical feed systems for calcium polysulfide and polyaluminum chloride
- Emergency storage pond

Sludge is dewatered by a belt filter press and stored in a concrete sludge containment structure. Water runoff, including rainfall from the containment structure floor and filtrate from the belt filter press, is pumped to the anoxic basin and treated. Dewatered biosolids are stored onsite and are hauled to Mariposa County Landfill for disposal. Transportation and disposal/reuse of the biosolids is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 503.

II. RECEIVING WATER BENEFICIAL USES

The Facility discharges from Discharge Point 001 to Mariposa Creek, which is tributary to Duck Slough, which flows to the San Joaquin River, within the Mariposa Hydrologic Unit. According to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basin (Basin Plan) and the Tributary Rule, the following beneficial uses apply to Mariposa Creek:

- Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN)
- Agricultural Supply (AGR)
- Industrial Process Supply (PRO)
- Water Contact Recreation (REC-1)
- Non-contact Water Recreation (REC-2)
- Warm Freshwater Habitat (WARM)
- Wildlife Habitat (WILD)
- Migration of Aquatic Organisms (MIGR)
- Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (warm) (SPWN)
- Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (cold) (SPWN)

According to the Basin Plan, groundwater underlying the Facility is designated with the following existing beneficial uses:

- Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN)
- Agricultural Supply, Including Irrigation and Stock Watering (AGR)
- Industrial Service Supply (IND)
- Industrial Process Supply (PRO)

III. PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS IMPLEMENTING STATE LAW

Provisions and requirements to implement State law only are included in the following sections of this NOA:

- Groundwater Limitations – section VIII.2
- Filtration System Operating Specifications, UV Disinfection System Operating Specifications, and Pond Operating Specifications – section X.1.C, Table 3 Special Provision 4

IV. RECEIVING WATER TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLS)

Mariposa Creek is not listed for constituent(s) on the Clean Water Act 303(d) List of impaired water bodies. Therefore, no additional 303(d) based effluent limitations or monitoring requirements are included in this NOA.

V. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

Discharge prohibitions are contained in section IV of the Municipal General Order. Only the discharge prohibitions listed below are applicable to this Facility.

A. The discharge of wastes, other than those described in section I.A and meeting the eligibility criteria in section I.B of the Municipal General Order, is prohibited unless the Discharger obtains coverage under another general or individual Order that regulates the discharge of such wastes. The discharge of wastes at a location or in a manner different from that described in the NOI and this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is prohibited.

B. The bypass or overflow of wastes to surface waters is prohibited, except as allowed by Federal Standard Provisions sections I.G. and I.H in Attachment D, Standard Provisions, of the Municipal General Order.

C. Neither the discharge nor its treatment shall create a nuisance as defined in section 13050 of the Water Code.

D. Discharge of waste classified as ‘hazardous’, as defined in the CCR, Title 22, section 66261.1 et seq., is prohibited.

E. Average Dry Weather Flow. Discharges exceeding an average dry weather flow of 0.61 MGD are prohibited. Compliance shall be monitored at Monitoring Location EFF-001.

VI. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The Discharger shall maintain compliance with the following effluent limitations at Discharge Point 001. Effluent limitations are provided in the Municipal General Order. Only the effluent limitations listed below in Table 2 and items 1-3 are applicable to this Facility. Unless otherwise specified in this NOA, compliance shall be measured at Monitoring Location EFF-001, as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Appendix D of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

The Discharger shall maintain compliance with the effluent limitations specified in Table 2 and items 1-3 below.

Table 2. Effluent Limitations

Parameter	Units	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day @ 20°Celcius) (BOD_5)	milligrams per liter (mg/L)	10	15	
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	10	15	
Ammonia Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	1.8	4.0	
Nitrate plus Nitrite, Total (as N)	mg/L	10	17	
Copper, Total Recoverable	micrograms per liter (µg/L)	8.9		18
Zinc, Total Recoverable	µg/L	81		150

1. **pH.** The pH shall at all times be within the range of 6.5 and 8.5.
2. **Percent Removal.** The average monthly percent removal of BOD_5 and TSS shall not be less than 90 percent.
3. **Total Coliform Organisms**. Effluent total coliform organisms shall not exceed:
   i. 2.2 most probable number per 100 milliliters (MPN/100 mL), as a 7-day median;
   ii. 23 MPN/100 mL, more than once in any 30-day period; and
   iii. 240 MPN/100 mL, at any time.

VII. PERFORMANCE-BASED EFFLUENT TRIGGER

1. **Electrical Conductivity (Municipal General Order section V.A.1.c.viii.(b). Table 23)**

   The effluent electrical conductivity at Discharge Point 001 shall not exceed the calendar annual average effluent trigger of 880 micromhos per centimeter (µmhos/cm). Compliance shall be measured at Monitoring Location EFF-001.

VIII. RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

1. **Surface Water Limitations (Municipal General Order section VI.A).** The Municipal General Order includes receiving surface water limitations in Section VI.A. Based on the information provided in the NOI, only the following receiving surface water limitations listed in Municipal General Order Section VI.A are applicable to the Facility.

   - Biostimulatory Substances (VI.A.3);
   - Chemical Constituents (VI.A.4);
   - Color (VI.A.5);
   - Dissolved Oxygen (VI.A.6.a.i, ii, iii, and iv);
   - Floating Material (VI.A.7);

- Oil and Grease (VI.A.8);
- pH (VI.A.9.a);
- Pesticides (VI.A.10.a and b);
- Radioactivity (VI.A.11);
- Suspended Sediments (VI.A.12);
- Settleable Substances (VI.A.13);
- Suspended Material (VI.A.14);
- Taste and Odors (VI.A.15);
- Temperature (VI.A.16.a);
- Toxicity (VI.A.17); and
- Turbidity (VI.A.18.a)

2. Groundwater Limitations.

Release of waste constituents from any storage, treatment, or disposal component associated with the Facility shall not cause the underlying groundwater to contain waste constituents in concentrations greater than background water quality or water quality objectives, whichever is greater.

IX. MONITORING AND REPORTING

MRP requirements are contained in Appendix D of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

X. PROVISIONS

1. Provisions are contained in section VII of the Municipal General Order and the applicable provisions are referenced below:

A. Standard Provisions

Applicable to all Dischargers.

B. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Requirements

The MRP applicable to this Facility is contained in Appendix D of this NOA.

C. Special Provisions

Special Provisions are contained in section VII.C of the Municipal General Order. Only the following Special Provision sections from the Municipal General Order specified in Table 3 apply to this Facility:

Table 3: Summary of Applicable Special Provisions

Special Provision	Section Reference
1. Reopener Provisions	a. Major Modification of the General Order c. Water Effect Ratios (WERs) and Metal Translators
2. Special Studies, Technical Reports and Additional Monitoring Requirements	Not applicable
3. Best Management Practices and Pollution Prevention	b. Salinity Evaluation and Minimization Plan (SEMP) for the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach

Special Provision	Section Reference
4. Construction, Operation and Maintenance Specifications	a.i.(a)-(c) and a.iii.(a)-(b). Filtration System Operating Specifications b.i.(a). UV Disinfection System – Dose b.ii.(a). UV Disinfection System – Transmittance b.iii-vi. UV Disinfection System – General c.i-xiii. Treatment/Storage Pond Operating Specifications
5. Special Provisions for Municipal Facilities	b. Sludge/Biosolids Treatment or Discharge Specifications c. Anaerobically Digested Material (ADM)
6. Other Special Provisions	a. Disinfection Requirements
7. Compliance Schedules	Not Applicable

XI. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

The following compliance determinations, as contained and more fully described in the Municipal General Order, are applicable to this discharge (Municipal General Order section given in brackets, if applicable):

- BOD_5 and TSS Effluent Limitations (VIII.A);
- Average Dry Weather Flow Prohibition (VIII.E);
- Total Coliform Organisms Effluent Limitations (VIII.F);
- Effluent Limitations (VIII.I);
- Dissolved Oxygen Receiving Water Limitation (VIII.J);
- Whole Effluent Toxicity Effluent Limitations or Triggers (VIII.K);
- Period Average, Calendar Month Average, and Annual Average (VIII.O); and
- Turbidity Receiving Water Limitation (VIII.P);

XII. ANTI-BACKSLIDING REQUIREMENTS

Anti-backsliding requirements are specified in the Municipal General Order, section V.D.3, Attachment F (Fact Sheet). Sections 402(o) and 303(d)(4) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and federal regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) section 122.44(l) restrict backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require that effluent limitations in a reissued permit must be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions in which limitations may be relaxed.

Effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen, acute whole effluent toxicity, and electrical conductivity are less stringent than prescribed in previous NOA R5-2017-0085-017. A more detailed anti-backsliding analysis is provided in Appendix C to this NOA in section II.A Satisfaction of Anti-Backsliding Requirements. The relaxation or removal of effluent limitations meets the exceptions provided in the federal anti-backsliding regulations.

XIII. ANTIDEGRADATION REQUIREMENTS

Antidegradation requirements are specified in the Municipal General Order, section V.D.4, Attachment F (Fact Sheet). This NOA R5-2023-0025-015 does not allow an

increase in flow or mass of pollutants to the receiving water and the relaxation of effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen, acute whole effluent toxicity, and electrical conductivity are consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 C.F.R. 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16.

A more detailed discussion of antidegradation is provided in Appendix C to this NOA R5-2023-0025-015, section II.B Antidegradation Policies.

XIV. RATIONALE FOR LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Additional rationale for limitations and monitoring requirements is included in Attachment F, section V (Rationale for Effluent Limitations and Discharge Specifications), of the Municipal General Order and Appendix C of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

XV. ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with the applicable requirements of the Municipal General Order, as specified in this NOA R5-2023-0025-015, may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability (penalties). Effluent limitation violations may be subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of $3,000 per violation. In addition, late monitoring reports may be subject to MMPs and/or discretionary penalties of up to $1,000 per day late. If discharges do not occur during any report monitoring period, the Discharger must still submit the monitoring report indicating that no discharge occurred to avoid being subject to enforcement actions.

XVI. COMMUNICATION

Until this NOA becomes effective on 1 May 2026, you will need to comply with the effluent limitations and requirements contained in your existing NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017. For your April 2026 monthly self-monitoring reports, you will need to demonstrate compliance with existing Order R5-2017-0085-017 through 30 April 2026. For your May 2026 self-monitoring report, you will need to demonstrate compliance with this NOA beginning 1 May 2026.

The Central Valley Water Board is implementing a Paperless Office system to reduce our paper use, increase efficiency, and provide a more effective way for our staff, the public, and interested parties to view documents in electronic form. Therefore, the Discharger is required to submit all self-monitoring, technical, and progress reports required by this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 via California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) submittal. In general, if any monitoring data for a monitoring location can be submitted using a computable document format (CDF) file upload, then it should be submitted as a CDF file upload, such as characterization monitoring data. However, certain parameters that cannot be uploaded to the CIWQS data tables, such as Annual Operations Reports, should be uploaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF), Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Excel file attachment. Also, please upload or enter a cover letter summarizing the content of the report to the submittal tab of the CIWQS module for each submittal.

All other documents not required to be submitted via CIWQS shall be converted to a searchable PDF and submitted by email to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Attention: NPDES Compliance and Enforcement Section

- Discharger: Mariposa Public Utility District
- Facility: Mariposa Wastewater Treatment Facility
- County: Mariposa County
- CIWQS Place ID: 273207

Documents that are 50 megabytes or larger must be transferred to a DVD or flash drive, and mailed to our office, attention “ECM Mailroom-NPDES".

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is issued, except that if the thirtieth day following the date this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is issued falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the laws and regulations applicable to filing petitions (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) may be found on the Internet or will be provided upon request.

Now that your NOA R5-2023-0025-015 has been issued, the Central Valley Water Board’s Compliance and Enforcement Section will take over management of your case. Jennifer Dolores of the Compliance and Enforcement section is your point of contact for any questions regarding this NOA. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, you will be directed to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Jennifer Dolores by phone at (559) 710-1034 or email at Jennifer.Dolores@waterboards.ca.gov.

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for Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Appendices:
Appendix A – Location Map
Appendix B – Flow Schematic
Appendix C – Supplemental Fact Sheet
Appendix D – Monitoring and Reporting Program
Appendix E – Determination of WQBELs

Enclosure (1):
Municipal General Order R5-2023-0025 (Discharger Only [email only])

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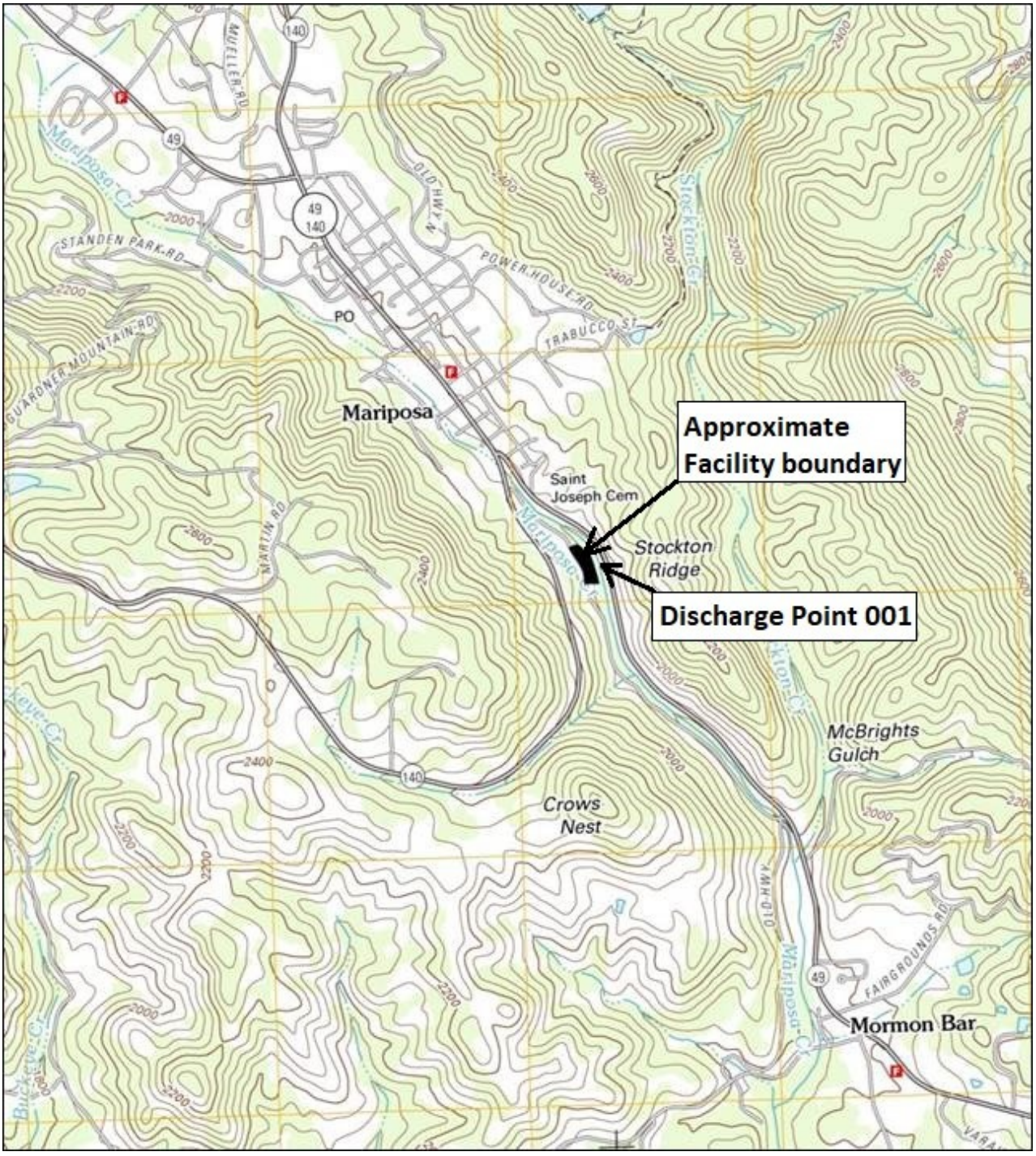
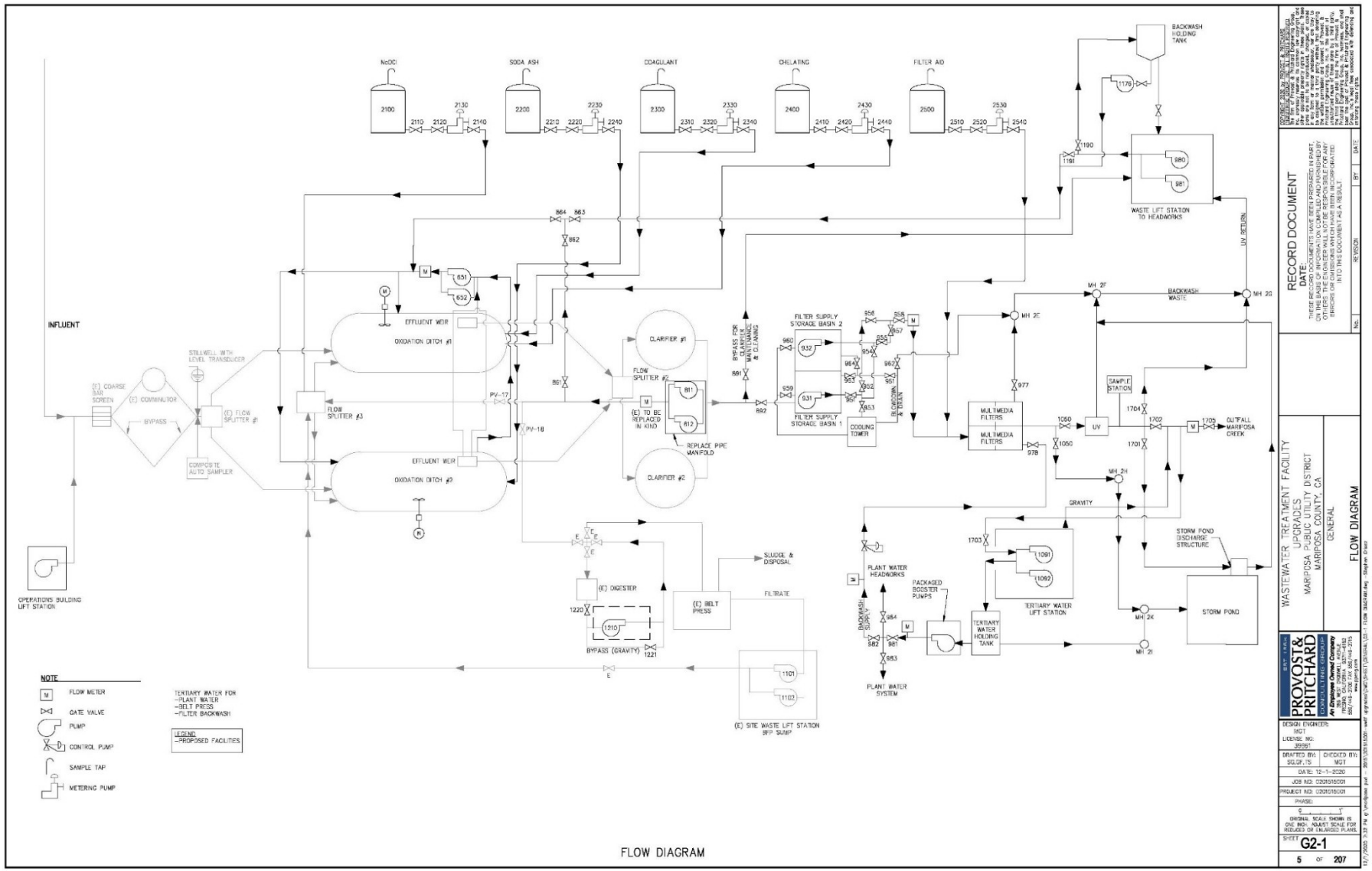
APPENDIX A – LOCATION MAP



APPENDIX B – FLOW SCHEMATIC



FLOW DIAGRAM

APPENDIX C – SUPPLEMENTAL FACT SHEET

I. APPLICABLE PLANS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS

The requirements contained in this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 are based on the requirements and authorities described in Attachment F, section III of the Municipal General Order. In addition to the Fact Sheet contained in the Municipal General Order, the Central Valley Water Board incorporates this Supplemental Fact Sheet as findings of the Central Valley Water Board supporting the issuance of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

II. FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATION CONSIDERATIONS

A. Satisfaction of Anti-Backsliding Requirements

The Clean Water Act specifies that a revised permit may not include effluent limitations that are less stringent than the previous permit unless a less stringent limitation is justified based on exceptions to the anti-backsliding provisions contained in CWA sections 402(o) or 303(d)(4), or, where applicable 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) section 122.44(l).

The effluent limitations in this NOA are at least as stringent as the effluent limitations in the Facility's previous NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017, with the exception of effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen, acute whole effluent toxicity, and electrical conductivity. This relaxation and removal of effluent limitations is consistent with the anti-backsliding requirements of the CWA and federal regulations.

1. **CWA section 402(o)(1) and 303(d)(4).** CWA section 402(o)(1) prohibits the establishment of less stringent water quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs) "except in compliance with Section 303(d)(4)." CWA section 303(d)(4) has two parts: paragraph (A) which applies to nonattainment waters and paragraph (B) which applies to attainment waters.

   a. For waters where standards are not attained, CWA section 303(d)(4)(A) specifies that any effluent limit based on a TMDL or other waste load allocation (WLA) may be revised only if the cumulative effect of all such revised effluent limits based on such TMDLs or WLAs will assure the attainment of such water quality standards.

   b. For attainment waters, CWA section 303(d)(4)(B) specifies that a limitation based on a water quality standard may be relaxed where the action is consistent with the antidegradation policy.

   Mariposa Creek is considered an attainment water for ammonia nitrogen, acute whole effluent toxicity, and electrical conductivity because the receiving water is not listed as impaired on the CWA section 303(d) list for these constituents. The exceptions in CWA section 303(d)(4) address both waters in attainment with water quality standards and those not in attainment, i.e. waters on the CWA section 303(d) impaired waters list (State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ-2008-0006, Berry Petroleum Company, Poso Creek/McVan Facility). As discussed below, relaxation of the ammonia nitrogen effluent limitation and removal of the acute whole effluent toxicity and electrical conductivity effluent limitations complies with federal and state antidegradation requirements. Thus, removal and relaxation of these effluent limitations meets the exception in CWA section 303(d)(4)(B).

2. **CWA section 402(o)(2).** CWA section 402(o)(2) provides several exceptions to the anti-backsliding regulations. CWA 402(o)(2)(B)(i) allows a renewed, reissued, or modified permit to contain a less stringent effluent limitation for a pollutant if information is available which was not available at the time of permit issuance (other than revised regulations, guidance, or test methods) and which would have justified the application of a less stringent effluent limitation at the time of permit issuance.

   Updated information that was not available at the time NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 was issued indicates that acute whole effluent toxicity and electrical conductivity do not exhibit reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives in the receiving water. Additionally, updated information that was not available at the time NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 was issued indicates that a less stringent effluent limitation for ammonia nitrogen satisfy requirements in CWA section 402(o)(2). The updated information that supports the relaxation of the effluent limitation for ammonia nitrogen and the removal of the effluent limitations for acute whole effluent toxicity and electrical conductivity includes the following:

   a. **Acute Toxicity.** Acute toxicity testing performed from May 2022 through September 2024 resulted in a minimum of 97.5% survival of *Pimephales promelas* and therefore, no acute toxicity. The discharge does not show reasonable potential to cause acute toxicity in the receiving water.

   b. **Ammonia**. The ammonia effluent limitations have been revised on updated pH and temperature data used for the calculation of the ammonia water quality criteria.

   c. **Electrical Conductivity.** Monitoring data collected over the permit term for NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 indicates that electrical conductivity in the discharge does not exhibit reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of their respective water quality objectives/criteria. The Discharger is participating in the CV-SALTS Salinity Control Program Alternative Pathway. This Order removes the effluent limitation for EC and establishes a performance-based effluent trigger for EC in accordance with the Alternative Pathway.

      Thus, relaxation of effluent limitations for ammonia and the removal of the effluent limitations for acute toxicity and electrical conductivity from this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is in accordance with CWA section 402(o)(2)(B)(i), which allows for the removal or relaxation of effluent limitations based on information that was not available at the time previous NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 was issued.

B. Antidegradation Policies

This NOA R5-2023-0025-015 does not allow for an increase in flow or mass of pollutants to the receiving water. Therefore, a complete antidegradation analysis is not necessary. This NOA R5-2023-0025-015 requires compliance with applicable federal technology-based standards and with WQBELs where the discharge could have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards. The permitted discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 C.F.R. section 131.12 and the State Anti-Degradation Policy. Compliance with these

requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge. The impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.

This NOA R5-2023-0025-015 relaxes or removes effluent limitations for acute toxicity, ammonia, and electrical conductivity. Based on Facility performance the relaxation or removal of these effluent limitations is not expected to result in an increase in pollutants concentration or loading, a decrease in the level of treatment or control, or a reduction of water quality. Implementation of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 will result in the best practicable treatment or control of the discharge necessary to assure that a pollution or nuisance will not occur and the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State will be maintained. Thus, the removal or relaxation of effluent limitations for these constituents is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 C.F.R. section 131.12 and State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 68-16.

C. Salinity (Electrical Conductivity or EC)

Based on effluent electrical conductivity data collected from January 2022 through December 2024, the maximum calendar annual average electrical conductivity of the effluent was 612 µmhos/cm. The Municipal General Order includes a screening level for electrical conductivity of 1600 µmhos/cm based on the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) to protect the municipal and domestic supply beneficial use.

The Facility discharge does not exceed the electrical conductivity screening level; therefore, the discharge does not have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion of water quality objectives for salinity.

In accordance with the Basin Plan's Salt Control Program the Discharger submitted a Notice of Intent on 14 July 2021 indicating participation in the Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach. Accordingly, the Municipal General Order includes a calendar annual average performance-based effluent trigger for electrical conductivity of 880 µmhos/cm.

In addition, the Discharger shall continue to implement a salinity evaluation and minimization plan (SEMP) to identify and address sources of salinity discharged from the Facility. If the effluent calendar annual average EC concentration exceeds the effluent trigger of 880 µmhos/cm during the term of this NOA, the Discharger shall evaluate the effectiveness of the SEMP and provide a summary with the Notice of Intent, due 1 year prior to the expiration date of this NOA.

D. 4,4-DDT and Dieldrin

1. **Water Quality Objective (WQO).** The California Toxics Rule includes criteria of 0.00059 µg/L and 0.00014 µg/L, respectively for 4,4-DDT and dieldrin, for the protection of human health for waters from which both water and organisms are consumed. 4,4-DDT and dieldrin are legacy pesticides that have been banned by U.S. EPA since 1972 and 1987, respectively.
2. **Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA) Results.** 4,4-DDT and dieldrin were both sampled four times over the permit term for NOA R5-2017-0085-017. Samples were non-detect for all but the March 2023 sampling event for both 4,4-DDT and dieldrin. Results for March 2023 were quantified at 0.0016 µg/L for 4,4-DDT and 0.0014 µg/L

for dieldrin. The laboratory quality assurance/quality control sheets for this analysis noted a “P Flag” for the dieldrin results, indicating a relative percent difference exceeding the laboratory control limit. Analyses for many other constituents from the March 2023 event also exhibited abnormalities, including quantified results for typically non-detect constituents, detected but not quantified results for typically non-detect constituents, method blank detections, and surrogate recoveries outside of laboratory control limits. Given these lab abnormalities, the results from March 2023 should not be considered representative data for use in the reasonable potential analysis. Therefore, the maximum effluent concentrations for both 4,4-DDT and dieldrin are non-detect, which does not exceed the water quality objectives. The Discharger will continue to monitor 4,4-DDT and dieldrin as part of its Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization Study.

E. Manganese

1. **WQO.** The State Water Board Division of Drinking Water has established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) to assist public drinking water systems in managing their drinking water for public welfare considerations, such as taste, color, and odor. The Secondary MCL for manganese is 50 µg/L for the protection of the MUN beneficial use.
2. **RPA Results.** Total manganese was sampled two times over the permit term for NOA R5-2017-0085-017. The maximum effluent concentration was 290 µg/L, which does exceed the Secondary MCL. However, results were only analyzed for the total recoverable fraction. In assessing compliance with Secondary MCLs, filtered samples (1.5 microns) are allowable to more closely approximate the level of filtration that normally occurs in conjunction with conventional drinking water treatment. There are no results available over the permit term using a filtered sample. Therefore, there is insufficient data to assess compliance with the Secondary MCL. Additional monitoring with a 1.5 micron filter is included in this NOA to verify compliance with the Secondary MCL.

III. RATIONALE FOR RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

A. Surface Water

CWA section 303(a-c), requires states to adopt water quality standards, including criteria where they are necessary to protect beneficial uses. The Central Valley Water Board adopted water quality criteria as water quality objectives in the Basin Plan. The Basin Plan states that “[t]he numerical and narrative water quality objectives define the least stringent standards that the Regional Water Board will apply to regional waters in order to protect the beneficial uses.” The Basin Plan includes numeric and narrative water quality objectives for various beneficial uses and water bodies. This NOA contains receiving surface water limitations based on the Basin Plan numerical and narrative water quality objectives for biostimulatory substances, color, chemical constituents, dissolved oxygen, floating material, oil and grease, pH, pesticides, radioactivity, suspended sediment, settleable substances, suspended material, tastes and odors, temperature, toxicity, and turbidity.

B. Groundwater

Groundwater limitations are required to protect the beneficial uses of the underlying groundwater.

IV. RATIONALE FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CWA section 308 and 40 C.F.R. sections 122.41(h), (j)-(l), 122.44(i), and 122.48 require that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Central Valley Water Board to establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. The Monitoring and Reporting Program, Attachment E of the Municipal General Order establishes monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements that implement federal and state requirements. The following provides the rationale for the monitoring requirements contained in Monitoring and Reporting Program, Appendix D, of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

A. Influent Monitoring

1. Influent monitoring is required to collect data on the characteristics of the wastewater and to assess compliance with effluent limitations (e.g., BOD_5 and TSS reduction requirements). The monitoring frequencies for flow (continuous), BOD_5 (1/Week), and TSS (1/Week) have been retained from NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017.

B. Effluent Monitoring

1. Pursuant to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. section 122.44(i)(2) effluent monitoring is required for all constituents with effluent limitations. Effluent monitoring is necessary to assess compliance with effluent limitations, assess the effectiveness of the treatment process, and to assess the impacts of the discharge on the receiving stream and groundwater.
2. This NOA includes effluent monitoring for dissolved organic carbon (1/Quarter) to calculate site-specific freshwater aluminum criteria in accordance with the 2018 United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) National Ambient Water Quality Criteria (NAWQC) for aluminum in freshwater for the next permit renewal.
3. Effluent monitoring frequencies for flow (continuous), total residual chlorine (1/Day), total coliform organisms (3/Week), BOD_5 (1/Week), TSS (1/Week), temperature (1/Week), ammonia (total, as nitrogen) (1/Week), dissolved oxygen (2/Month), nitrate (total, as nitrogen) (1/Month), nitrite (total, as nitrogen) (1/Month), nitrate plus nitrite (total, as nitrogen) (1/Month), electrical conductivity @ 25°C (1/Month), total recoverable copper (1/Month), total recoverable zinc (1/Month), and hardness, total (as $CaCO_3$) (1/Quarter) have been retained from NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017.
4. Calculations for the percent reduction between the influent and effluent for BOD_5 and TSS shall be calculated once per month.
5. Monitoring for dissolved manganese has been included in the NOA in order to determine reasonable potential for dissolved manganese after a finding of insufficient data during the previous NOA.

C. Receiving Water Monitoring

1. Mariposa Creek

a. Receiving water monitoring is necessary to assess compliance with receiving water limitations and to assess the impacts of the discharge to Mariposa Creek.

b. This NOA includes receiving water monitoring for dissolved organic carbon (1/Quarter) to calculate site-specific freshwater aluminum criteria in accordance with the 2018 U.S. EPA NAWQC for aluminum in freshwater for the next permit renewal.

c. The receiving water monitoring frequencies and sample types for ph (1/Week), dissolved oxygen (1/Week), temperature (1/Week), turbidity (1/Week), electrical conductivity (1/Quarter), hardness (1/Quarter), and dissolved organic carbon (1/Quarter) have been retained from NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017. The frequencies for these parameters are shown on Table D-4 (Receiving Water Monitoring).

2. Groundwater – Not Applicable

D. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements

1. **Acute Toxicity**. Effluent monitoring frequency for acute toxicity 96-hour bioassay (1/Year) has not been retained from previous NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017. Chronic toxicity testing is typically protective of both acute toxicity and chronic toxicity. Thus, monitoring for chronic toxicity testing has been included in this NOA instead.

2. **Chronic Toxicity.** According to the Statewide Toxicity Provisions and the Municipal General Order, the effluent discharge from NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 required 1/Year chronic bioassay testing. This NOA increases the chronic bioassay testing frequency to 2/Year, consistent with Municipal General Order R5-2023-0025 for Dischargers discharging less than or equal to one million gallons per day. Chronic whole effluent toxicity testing is required when discharging to Mariposa Creek in order to demonstrate compliance with the Statewide Toxicity Provisions.

E. Biosolids Monitoring – Not Applicable

F. Water Supply Monitoring

1. Water supply monitoring is required to evaluate the source of salinity in the wastewater.

2. NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 required 1/Year monitoring of the water supply for electrical conductivity and total dissolved solids. This NOA retains the frequency of 1/Year.

G. Filtration System Monitoring

1. Filtration system monitoring for turbidity is required for Dischargers of tertiary treated wastewater that meet the eligibility criteria in section I.B.4 of the Municipal General Order to determine compliance with the filtration system operating specifications in section VII.C.4.a of the Municipal General Order.

2. The monitoring frequency for turbidity (continuous) is retained from previous NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 to evaluate compliance the turbidity operating specifications.

H. UV Disinfection System Monitoring

1. Monitoring frequencies for flow (continuous), number of UV banks in operation (continuous), UV transmittance (continuous), and UV dose (continuous) have been retained from previous NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 to evaluate compliance with UV operating specifications.

I. Pond Monitoring

1. When any type of wastewater is directed to any storage basin, this NOA requires the Discharger to keep a log for PND-001 to record the date, type of wastewater, volume, duration, and freeboard. Additional pond monitoring requirements contained in the Municipal General Order are applicable as specified in section IX, Provisions, Table 3 of the NOA. The Central Valley Water Board finds that monitoring for these parameters is necessary to ensure proper operation of the emergency storage basin; therefore, these parameters have been included in this NOA.

J. Land Discharge Monitoring – Not Applicable

K. Title 22 Recycled Water Monitoring – Not Applicable

L. Pyrethroid Pesticides Monitoring – Not Applicable

M. Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization Monitoring

1. NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 included 2/Permit Term effluent characterization monitoring when discharging to Mariposa Creek. This NOA retains the 2/Permit Term effluent characterization monitoring.

2. NOA, Enrollee Number R5-2017-0085-017 included 1/Permit Term upstream receiving water characterization monitoring when discharging to Mariposa Creek. This NOA retains the 1/Permit Term upstream receiving water characterization monitoring.

V. PRETREATMENT PROVISION – NOT APPLICABLE

VI. DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT-QUALITY ASSURANCE (DMR-QA) STUDY PROGRAM – NOT APPLICABLE

VII. RECYCLED WATER POLICY ANNUAL REPORTS

A. On 11 December 2018, the State Water Board adopted Resolution 2018-0057, which amends the Recycled Water Policy, section 3, to require wastewater and recycled water dischargers to annually report monthly volumes of influent, wastewater produced, and effluent, including treatment level and discharge type. Therefore, to incorporate monitoring and reporting required by the Recycled Water Policy, the Municipal General Order requires annual reporting of wastewater and recycled water use into Geotracker and confirmation of annual reporting to Geotracker is required by this NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

VIII. SUMMARY OF REASONABLE POTENTIAL ANALYSIS

Abbreviations used in Table C-1:

MEC = Maximum Effluent Concentration
B = Maximum Receiving Water Concentration
C = Criterion used for Reasonable Potential Analysis
CMC = Criterion Maximum Concentration
CCC = Criterion Continuous Concentration
Water and Org = Human Health Criterion for Consumption of Water and Organisms
Org Only = Human Health Criterion for Consumption of Organisms Only
Basin Plan = Numeric Site-Specific Basin Plan Water Quality Objective
MCL = Drinking Water Standards Maximum Contaminant Level
RP= Reasonable Potential

Table C-1: SUMMARY OF REASONABLE POTENTIAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	MEC	B	C	CMC	CCC	Water and Org	Org. Only	Basin Plan	MCL	RP
Ammonia (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	3.5	0.093	1.98	7.82	1.98					Yes
Nitrate Plus Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	7.4		10						10	Yes
Electrical Conductivity	µmhos/cm	662	678	900						900	No
Total Recoverable Copper	µg/L	6.2	1.4	12	18	12	1300			1000	Yes
Total Recoverable Zinc	µg/L	31	1.2	150	150	150	7400	26000		5000	Yes
Manganese, Filtered	µg/L		10	50			100			50	Inc.

1. Table C-1 Notes:
   i. **CMC.** For ammonia, the CMC or criterion maximum concentration is based on the U.S. EPA National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria Freshwater Aquatic Life Protection, 1-hour average. For copper and zinc, the CMC is based on the CTR, 1-hour average criterion.
   ii. **CCC.** For ammonia, the CCC or criterion continuous concentration is based on the U.S. EPA National Recommended Ambient Water Quality Criteria Freshwater Aquatic Life Protection, 30-day average. For copper and zinc, the CCC is based on the CTR, 4-day average criterion.
   iii. **Ammonia and Nitrate plus Nitrite.** Reasonable potential exists due to the biological processes inherent to the treatment of domestic wastewater (see sections V.C.3.b.ii and V.C.3.b.ix in Attachment F, Fact Sheet, of the Municipal General Order).

iv. **Total Recoverable Copper and Zinc.** Reasonable potential exists due to Trigger 3 (additional information) of section I in Attachment C, Screening Levels, of the Municipal General Order. The Discharger uses calcium polysulfide and polyaluminum chloride to actively treat for copper and zinc . If this treatment is discontinued, copper and zinc concentrations may exceed criteria.

v. **Manganese, Filtered.** The secondary MCL is based on a filtered fraction (passed through a 1.5 micron filter) for manganese. Effluent results during the permit term were tested as total manganese. There is insufficient effluent manganese data to determine reasonable potential at this time. Additional effluent monitoring for filtered manganese has been included in this NOA to determine reasonable potential.

APPENDIX D – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Tables

APPENDIX D – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MRP)

The Municipal General Order contains monitoring and reporting requirements in Attachment E. Some of the monitoring and reporting requirements listed in the Municipal General Order are not applicable to the Facility. The monitoring and reporting requirements applicable to the Facility are contained in this Appendix and are described herein.

The Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R. § 122.48) requires that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Central Valley Water Board to require technical and monitoring reports. This MRP establishes monitoring and reporting requirements that implement state and federal regulations.

I. GENERAL MONITORING PROVISIONS

A. Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. All samples shall be taken at the monitoring locations specified below and, unless otherwise specified, before the monitored flow joins or is diluted by any other waste stream, body of water, or substance. Monitoring locations shall not be changed without notification to and the approval of the Central Valley Water Board.

B. Final 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 mixing with the receiving waters. Samples shall be collected at such a point and in such a manner to ensure a representative sample of the discharge.

C. Chemical, bacteriological, and bioassay analyses of any material required by this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited for such analyses by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water (DDW), in accordance with the provision of Water Code section 13176. Laboratories that perform sample analyses must be identified in all monitoring reports submitted to the Central Valley Water Board. Data generated from field measurements such as, pH, dissolved oxygen, electrical conductivity (EC), turbidity, and temperature are exempt pursuant to Water Code section 13176. A manual containing the steps followed in this program for any field measurements such as, but not limited to, pH, dissolved oxygen, EC, turbidity, and temperature must be kept onsite in the treatment facility laboratory and shall be available for inspection by Central Valley Water Board staff. The Discharger must demonstrate sufficient capability (qualified and trained employees, properly calibrated and maintained field instruments, etc.) to adequately perform these field measurements. The Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program must conform to U.S. EPA guidelines or to procedures approved by the Central Valley Water Board.

D. Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. All monitoring instruments and devices used by the Discharger to fulfill the prescribed

monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary, at least yearly, to ensure their continued accuracy. All flow measurement devices shall be calibrated at least once per year to ensure continued accuracy of the devices.

E. Monitoring results, including noncompliance, shall be reported at intervals and in a manner specified in this MRP.

F. Laboratory analytical methods shall be sufficiently sensitive in accordance with the Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule (SSM Rule) specified under 40 C.F.R. 122.21(e)(3) and 122.44(i)(1)(iv). A U.S. EPA-approved analytical method is sufficiently sensitive for pollutant/parameter where:

- The method minimum level (ML) is at or below the applicable water quality objective for the receiving water, or;
- The method ML is above the applicable water quality objective for the receiving water but the amount of the pollutant/parameter in the discharge is high enough that the method detects and quantifies the level of the pollutant/parameter, or;
- The method ML is above the applicable water quality objective for the receiving water, but the ML is the lowest of the 40 C.F.R. 136 U.S. EPA-approved analytical methods for the pollutant/parameter.

G. DMR-QA Study – Not Applicable

H. The Discharger shall file with the Central Valley Water Board technical reports on self-monitoring performed according to the detailed specifications contained in this MRP.

I. The results of all monitoring required by this MRP shall be reported to the Central Valley Water Board and shall be submitted in such a format as to allow direct comparison with the limitations and requirements of the NOA R5-2023-0025-015. Unless otherwise specified, discharge flows shall be reported in terms of the monthly average and the daily maximum discharge flows.

J. Multiple Discharge Points – Not Applicable

II. MONITORING LOCATIONS

The Discharger shall establish the monitoring locations listed in Table D-1 to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitations, discharge specifications, and other requirements in the NOA R5-2023-0025-015.

Table D-1. Monitoring Station Locations

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
--	INF-001	A location where a representative sample of the influent into the Facility can be collected prior to any additives, treatment processes, and plant return flows.

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
001	EFF-001	A location where a representative sample of the effluent can be collected downstream from the last connection through which wastes can be admitted to the outfall.
	RSW-001	Approximately 100 feet upstream from Discharge Point 001 in Mariposa Creek.
	RSW-002	Approximately 300 feet downstream from Discharge Point 001 in Mariposa Creek.
	SPL-001	Location(s) where a representative sample of the municipal water supply can be collected.
	FIL-001	A location where a representative sample of the influent to the filtration system can be obtained.
	FIL-002	A location where a representative sample of the effluent from the filtration system can be obtained and prior to the disinfection system.
	UVS-001	A location where a representative sample of wastewater can be collected immediately upstream of the ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection system.
	PND-001	A location where a representative sample from the unlined emergency storage pond can be collected.

The North latitude and West longitude information in Table D-1 are approximate for administrative purposes.

III. INFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Monitoring Location INF-001

1. The Discharger shall monitor influent to the Facility at Monitoring Location INF-001 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-2 and the testing requirements described in section III.A.2 below:

Table D-2. Influent Monitoring

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency
Flow	MGD	Meter	Continuous
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day @ 20°Celcius)	mg/L	24-hour Composite	1/Week
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	24-hour Composite	1/Week

2. **Table D-2 Testing Requirements.** The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-2:

a. **Applicable to all parameters**. Parameters shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136; or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R. part 136 allowed sample type.

b. **Composite Sample.** All composite samples shall be collected from a 24-hour flow proportional composite.

IV. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Monitoring Location EFF-001

1. The Discharger shall monitor treated domestic wastewater at Monitoring Location EFF-001 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-3 and the testing requirements in section IV.A.2. If there was no discharge to receiving water during the designated monitoring period, monitoring is not required for that period. If there was no discharge, the Discharger shall so state in the monthly self-monitoring report (SMR).

Table D-3. Effluent Monitoring

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Flow	MGD	Meter	Continuous
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day @ 20° C)	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day @ 20° C)	percent removal	Calculate	1/Month
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Week
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week
Total Suspended Solids	percent removal	Calculate	1/Month
Ammonia Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Week
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	2/Month
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab or 24-hr Composite	1/Month
Hardness, Total (as $CaCO_3$)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter
Manganese, Filtered	µg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Quarter
Copper, Total Recoverable	µg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Month

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Zinc, Total Recoverable	µg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Month
Nitrate Plus Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Month
Nitrate Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Month
Nitrite Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Month
Temperature	degrees C	Grab	1/Week
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L	Grab	1/Day
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 mL	Grab	3/Week
Priority Pollutants and Other Constituents of Concern (see Section IX.G below)	See Section IX.G below	See Section IX.G below	See Section IX.G below
Whole Effluent Toxicity (see Section V below)	See Section V below	See Section V below	See Section V below

2. **Table D-3 Testing Requirements.** The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-3:

   a. **Composite Sample.** All composite samples shall be collected from a 24-hour flow proportional composite.

   b. **Applicable to all parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R part 136 allowed sample type.

   c. **Grab Sample.** A grab sample is defined as an individual discrete sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes. It can be taken manually, using a pump, scoop, vacuum, or other suitable device.

   d. **Temperature and pH.** Temperature and pH shall be recorded at the time of ammonia sample collection.

   e. **Field Meter.** A hand-held field meter may be used for **pH, electrical conductivity, temperature, residual chlorine, and dissolved oxygen**, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.

f. **Total Residual Chlorine.** Total residual chlorine shall be monitored using an analytical method that is sufficiently sensitive to measure at the permitted level of 0.01 mg/L. Chlorine residual is only required during maintenance events where chlorine is used, as described more fully in Footnote h of Table E-3 of the Municipal General Order.

g. **Filtered Manganese.** Monitoring is only required quarterly for one year. Samples shall be filtered with a 1.5-micron filter prior to preservation, digestion, and analysis.

h. **Hardness-Dependent Metals**. Hardness, total (as $CaCO_3$) samples shall be collected concurrently with **total recoverable copper and total recoverable zinc** samples.

i. **Total Coliform Organisms**. Total coliform organisms samples may be collected at any point following disinfection.

j. **Temperature, pH, Hardness, Dissolved Oxygen, and Dissolved Organic Carbon.** The effluent samples for temperature, pH, hardness, dissolved oxygen, and dissolved organic carbon shall be taken approximately the same time and on the same date with the receiving water samples for these parameters.

k. **Dissolved Organic Carbon.** Hardness, total (as CaCO3) and pH samples shall be taken concurrently with dissolved organic carbon samples.

V. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Acute Toxicity Testing – Not Applicable

B. Chronic Toxicity Testing

The Discharger shall meet the following chronic toxicity testing requirements:

1. **Instream Waste Concentration (IWC) for Chronic Toxicity.** The chronic toxicity IWC is 100 percent effluent.

2. **Routine Monitoring Frequency.**

   a. **Applicable to Discharges Less Than or Equal to 1 MGD.** The Discharger shall perform routine chronic toxicity testing twice per toxicity calendar year in years in which there is expected to be at least 15 days of discharge to the receiving water in at least one toxicity calendar quarter.

   b. **Reduction In Routine Monitoring.** Routine monitoring frequency may be reduced if the following conditions during the prior five consecutive years are met:

      i. The Chronic Toxicity MDEL and MMEL, if applicable, have not been violated; and

      ii. The toxicity requirements as specified in this MRP and the NOA have been followed; and

      iii. A minimum of ten chronic aquatic toxicity tests have been conducted at the IWC or at a concentration of effluent higher than the IWC, all

chronic aquatic toxicity test data are analyzed or reanalyzed using the TST, and no chronic aquatic toxicity test resulted in a "fail" at the IWC or, if the aquatic toxicity test was not conducted at the IWC, at a concentration of effluent higher than the IWC.

3. **Toxicity Calendar Month, Quarter, and Year**

   a. **Toxicity Calendar Month.** The toxicity calendar month is defined as the period of time beginning on the day of the initiation of the routine monitoring to the day before the corresponding day of the next month if the corresponding day exists, or if not to the last day of the next month. For purposes of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015, the toxicity calendar month **begins on the first of the month January 1, February 1, March 1, etc.** (e.g., from January 1 to January 31, from February 1 to February 28 or 29, from March 1 to March 31, etc.)

   b. **Toxicity Calendar Quarter.** A toxicity calendar quarter is defined as **three consecutive toxicity calendar months.** For purposes of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015, the toxicity calendar quarters **begin on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1** (i.e., from January 1 to March 31, from April 1 to June 30, from July 1 to September 30, etc.).

   c. **Toxicity Calendar Year.** A toxicity calendar year is defined as **twelve consecutive toxicity calendar months.** For purposes of this NOA R5-2023-0025-015, the toxicity calendar year **begins on January 1** (i.e., January 1 to December 31), in years in which there are at least 15 days of discharge in at least one calendar quarter.

4. **Chronic Toxicity Monthly Median Effluent Trigger (MMET) Testing.** If a routine chronic toxicity monitoring test results in a "Fail" (as defined in section V.C below) at the IWC, then a maximum of two chronic toxicity MMET tests shall be completed. The chronic toxicity MMET tests shall be initiated within the same toxicity calendar month that the routine monitoring chronic toxicity test was initiated that resulted in the "Fail" at the IWC. If the first chronic toxicity MMET test results in a "Fail" at the IWC, then the second chronic toxicity MMET test is unnecessary and is waived.

5. **Additional Routine Monitoring Tests for Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Determination.** In order to determine if a TRE is necessary, an additional routine monitoring test is required when one chronic toxicity MDET or MMET is not met, but not two in a single toxicity calendar month. The toxicity calendar month in which the MMET or MDET was not met and the toxicity calendar month of the additional routine monitoring shall be considered "successive toxicity calendar months" for purposes of determining whether a TRE is required. This additional routine monitoring test could result in the need to conduct MMET testing per section V.B.4 above.

6. **Sample Volumes.** Adequate sample volumes shall be collected to provide renewal water to complete the test in the event that the discharge is intermittent.

7. **Test Species.** The testing shall be conducted using the most sensitive species. The Discharger shall conduct chronic toxicity tests with fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas)*, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Executive Officer.

   The Executive Officer shall have discretion to allow the temporary use of the next appropriate species as the most sensitive species when the Discharger submits documentation and the Executive Officer determines that the Discharger has encountered unresolvable test interference or cannot secure a reliable supply of test organisms. The "next appropriate species" is a species in Table 1 of the Statewide Toxicity Provisions in the same test method classification (e.g., chronic aquatic toxicity test methods, acute aquatic toxicity test method), in the same salinity classification (e.g., freshwater or marine), and in the same taxon as the most sensitive species. When there are no other species in Table 1 in the same taxon as the most sensitive species (e.g., freshwater chronic toxicity tests), the "next appropriate species" is the species exhibiting the highest percent effect at the IWC tested in the species sensitivity screening other than the most sensitive species.

8. **Test Methods.** The Discharger shall conduct the chronic toxicity tests on effluent samples at the IWC for the discharge in accordance with species and test methods described in Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms (EPA/821/R02/013, 2002; Table IA, 40 C.F.R. part 136).

9. **Dilution and Control Water.** Dilution water and control water shall be prepared and used as specified in the test methods manual. If dilution water and control water are different from test organism culture water, then a second control using culture water shall also be used. A receiving water control or laboratory water control may be used as the diluent.

10. **Test Failure.** If the effluent chronic toxicity test does not meet all test acceptability criteria (TAC) specified in the referenced test method in EPA/821-R-02-013, the Discharger must conduct a Replacement Test as soon as possible, as specified in subsection B.11, below.

11. **Replacement Test.** When a required toxicity test for routine monitoring or a MMET test is not completed, a new toxicity test to replace the toxicity test that was not completed shall be initiated as soon as possible. The new toxicity test shall replace the routine monitoring or MMET test, as applicable, for the toxicity calendar month in which the toxicity test that was not completed was required to be initiated, even if the new toxicity test is initiated in a subsequent toxicity calendar month. The new toxicity test for routine monitoring or for the MMET test, as applicable, and any MMET tests required to be conducted due to the results of the new toxicity test shall be used to determine if the MMET and the MDET are met for the toxicity calendar month in which the toxicity test that was not completed was required to be initiated. The new toxicity test and any MMET test required to be conducted due to the results of the new toxicity test shall not be used to substitute for any other required toxicity tests.

If it is determined that any specific monitoring event was not initiated in the required time period due to circumstances outside of the Discharger's control that were not preventable with the reasonable exercise of care, the Discharger is not required to initiate the specific monitoring event in the required time period if the Discharger promptly initiates or ultimately completes a replacement test.

C. Quality Assurance and Additional Requirements

Quality assurance measures, instructions, and other recommendations and requirements are found in the test methods manual previously referenced. Additional requirements are below:

1. The discharge is subject to determination of "Pass" or "Fail" from a chronic toxicity test using the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) statistical t-test approach described in section IV.B.1.c of the Statewide Toxicity Provisions.
2. The null hypothesis (Ho) for the TST statistical approach is:

   Mean discharge IWC response ≤ RMD x Mean control response, where the chronic RMD = 0.75 and the acute RMD = 0.80.

   A test result that rejects this null hypothesis is reported as "Pass". A test result that does not reject this null hypothesis is reported as "Fail".
3. The relative "Percent Effect" at the discharge IWC is defined and reported as:

   Percent Effect = ((Mean control response – Mean discharge IWC response) / (Mean control response)) x 100.

This is a t-test, a statistical analysis comparing two sets of replicate observations, i.e., a control and IWC. The purpose of this statistical test is to determine if the means of the two sets of observations are different (i.e., if the IWC or receiving water concentration differs from the control, the test result is "Fail"). The Welch's t-test employed by the TST statistical approach is an adaptation of Student's t-test and is used with two samples having unequal variances.

D. WET Testing Notification Requirements

The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board of test results exceeding the chronic toxicity monitoring target/trigger as soon as the Discharger learns of the exceedance, but no later than 24-hours after receipt of the monitoring results.

E. WET Testing Reporting Requirements

The Discharger shall submit the full laboratory report for all toxicity testing (routine, MMET, TRE, etc.) and, if applicable, progress reports on TREs as attachments to the SMRs in CIWQS for the reporting period (e.g., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually), and shall provide the data (i.e., Pass/Fail) in the PET tool for uploading into CIWQS. The laboratory report shall include:

1. The valid toxicity test results for the TST statistical approach, reported as "Pass" or "Fail" and "Percent Effect" at the IWC for the discharge, the dates of

sample collection and initiation of each toxicity test, and all results for effluent parameters monitored concurrently with the toxicity test(s);

2. The statistical analysis used in section IV.B.1.c of the Statewide Toxicity Provisions; and
3. Statistical program (e.g., TST calculator, CETIS, etc.) output results, including graphical plots, for each toxicity test.

F. Most Sensitive Species Screening

If the effluent used in the species sensitivity screening is no longer representative of the current effluent, the Discharger shall perform rescreening to re-evaluate the most sensitive species. The species sensitivity screening shall be conducted as follows:

1. **Frequency of Testing for Species Sensitivity Screening.** Species sensitivity screening for chronic toxicity shall include, at a minimum, a set of chronic WET testing conducted in **each toxicity calendar quarter in which there is expected to be at least 15 days of discharge**. Species sensitivity screening for chronic toxicity shall be conducted using the water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*), fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), and green alga (*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*). The tests shall be performed at an IWC of no less than 100 percent effluent.

   When there is no representative effluent available to complete tests in one of the sets in a species sensitivity screening, that set of testing shall not be required.

2. **Determination of Most Sensitive Species.** The Central Valley Water Board will determine the most sensitive species from the water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*), fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), and green alga (*Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata*) using the following procedure. If a single test in the species sensitivity screening testing results in a “Fail” using the TST statistical approach, then the species used in that test shall be established as the most sensitive species. If there is more than a single test that results in a “Fail”, then of the species with results of a “Fail”, the species that exhibits the highest percent effect shall be established as the most sensitive species. If none of the tests in the species sensitivity screening results in a “Fail”, but at least one of the species exhibits a percent effect greater than 10 percent, then the single species that exhibits the highest percent effect shall be established as the most sensitive species. In all other circumstances, the Executive Officer shall have discretion to determine which single species is the most sensitive considering the test results from the species sensitivity screening.

   The “next appropriate species” is a species in Table 1 of the Statewide Toxicity Provisions in the same test method classification (e.g., chronic aquatic toxicity test methods, acute aquatic toxicity test method), in the same salinity classification (e.g., freshwater or marine), and in the same taxon as the most sensitive species. When there are no other species in Table 1 in the same taxon as the most sensitive species (e.g., freshwater chronic toxicity

tests), the “next appropriate species” is the species exhibiting the highest percent effect at the IWC tested in the species sensitivity screening other than the most sensitive species. The Executive Officer shall have discretion to allow the temporary use of the next appropriate species as the most sensitive species when the Discharger submits documentation and the Executive Officer determines that the Discharger has encountered unresolvable test interference or cannot secure a reliable supply of test organisms.

The most sensitive species shall be used for chronic toxicity testing for the remainder of the permit term.

If the most sensitive species cannot be determined from the species sensitivity screening discussed above, the Discharger shall rotate the test species as the most sensitive species every toxicity calendar year as follows:

a. *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (survival and reproduction test) for the remainder of the toxicity calendar year this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is issued;

b. *Pimephales promelas* (larval survival and growth test) for the entire toxicity calendar year following the toxicity calendar year this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is issued;

c. *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* (growth test) for the entire toxicity calendar year of the second year following the toxicity calendar year this NOA R5-2023-0025-015 is issued; and

d. Cycling back to *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (survival and reproduction test) after *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* (growth test) and continuing through the same rotation as above.

If a single test exhibits toxicity, demonstrated by a test that results in a “Fail” using the TST statistical approach, then the species used in that test shall be established as the most sensitive species until the next NOA reissuance.

G. Toxicity Reduction Evaluations

Reports for TREs shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule contained in the Discharger’s approved TRE Work Plan, or as amended by the Discharger’s TRE Action Plan.

1. **TRE Targets.**

   a. **Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity Median Monthly Effluent Target (MMET).** No more than one chronic aquatic toxicity test with the most sensitive species initiated in a toxicity calendar month shall result in a “fail” at the IWC for any endpoint.

   b. **Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity Maximum Daily Effluent Target (MDET).** No chronic aquatic toxicity test with the most sensitive species shall result in a “fail” at the IWC for the sub-lethal endpoint measured in the test and a percent effect for the survival endpoint greater than or equal to 50 percent.

2. **TRE Implementation.** The Discharger is required to initiate a TRE when there is any combination of two or more chronic toxicity MDETs or MMETs

that are not met within a single toxicity calendar month or within two successive toxicity calendar months (as defined in paragraph V.B.5 above). If other information indicates toxicity (e.g., results of additional monitoring, results of monitoring at a higher concentration than the IWC, fish kills, or intermittent recurring toxicity), the Central Valley Water Board may require a TRE. A TRE may also be required when there is no effluent available to complete a routine monitoring test or MMET test.

a. **Preparation and Implementation of Detailed TRE Action Plan.** The Discharger shall conduct TREs in accordance with an approved TRE Work Plan. Within 30 days of the test result that triggered the TRE, the Discharger shall submit to the Executive Officer a TRE Action Plan per the Discharger's approved TRE Work Plan. The TRE Action Plan shall include the following information, and comply with additional conditions set by the Executive Officer:

   i. Specific actions the Discharger will take to investigate and identify the cause(s) of toxicity, including a TRE WET monitoring schedule;

   ii. Specific actions the Discharger will take to mitigate the impact of the discharge and prevent the recurrence of toxicity; and

   iii. A schedule for these actions, progress reports, and the final report.

b. The Central Valley Water Board recognizes that toxicity may be episodic and identification of causes and reduction of sources of toxicity may not be successful in all cases. The TRE may be ended at any stage if monitoring finds there is no longer toxicity.

VI. LAND DISCHARGE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

VII. RECYCLING MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

VIII. RECEIVING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Monitoring Locations RSW-001 and RSW-002

1. The Discharger shall monitor Mariposa Creek at Monitoring Locations RSW-001 and RSW-002 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-4 and the testing requirements in section VIII.A.2. If there was no discharge to receiving water during the designated monitoring period, monitoring is not required during that period. If there is no upstream flow in the receiving water during the designated monitoring period, monitoring is not required at RSW-001 during that period. Whenever monitoring is not required, the Discharger shall state so in the monthly SMR.

Table D-4. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Week

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Week
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Quarter
Hardness, Total (as $CaCO_3$)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter
Temperature	degrees C	Grab	1/Week
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	1/Week
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter
Priority Pollutants and Other Constituents of Concern	See Section IX.G below	See Section IX.G below	See Section IX.G below

2. Table D-4 Testing Requirements. The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-4:

   a. **Applicable to all parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R part 136 allowed sample type.

   b. **Grab Sample.** A grab sample is defined as an individual discrete sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes. It can be taken manually, using a pump, scoop, vacuum, or other suitable device.

   c. **Field Meter.** A hand-held field meter may be used for **pH, electrical conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity**, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.

   d. **Dissolved Organic Carbon.** Hardness, total (as $CaCO_3$) and pH samples shall be taken concurrently with dissolved organic carbon samples.

3. In conducting the receiving water sampling required by section VIII.A.1 above, a log shall be kept of the receiving water conditions throughout the reach

bounded by Monitoring Locations RSW-001 and RSW-002. Attention shall be given to the presence or absence of:

a. Floating or suspended matter;
b. Discoloration;
c. Bottom deposits;
d. Aquatic life;
e. Visible films, sheens, or coatings;
f. Fungi, slimes, or objectionable growths; and
g. Potential nuisance conditions.

Notes on receiving water conditions shall be summarized in the monitoring report.

IX. OTHER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Biosolids – Not Applicable

B. Ponds

1. **Monitoring Location PND-001**

   a. The Discharger shall keep a log regarding the use of the emergency storage pond. In particular, the Discharger shall record the following when any type of wastewater is directed to the pond:

      i. The date(s) when the wastewater is directed to the pond;

      ii. The type(s) of wastewater (e.g., untreated due to plant upset, tertiary treated, etc.) directed to the pond;

      iii. The total volume of wastewater directed to the pond (volume may be estimated), and;

      iv. The daily freeboard in the pond.

   b. The Discharger shall monitor the emergency storage pond at Monitoring Location PND-001, per Table D-5, when the emergency storage pond holds wastewater for seven (7) consecutive days or more. When the emergency storage pond holds wastewater for less than seven (7) consecutive days, monitoring shall not be required. If monitoring is not required, the Discharger shall so state in the SMR.

Table D-5. Pond Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency
Odors	--	Observation	1/Month
Freeboard	Tenths of feet	Measured	1/Week
Storage Reservoir Volume	Millions of gallons	Measured	1/Week

C. Municipal Water Supply

1. Monitoring Location SPL-001

a. The Discharger shall monitor the municipal water supply at Monitoring Location SPL-001 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-6 and the testing requirements in section IX.C.2.

Table D-6. Municipal Water Supply Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Year

2. Table D-6 Testing Requirements. The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-6:

   a. If the water supply is from more than one source electrical conductivity shall be reported as a weighted average and include copies of supporting calculations.

   b. **Applicable to all parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R part 136 allowed sample type.

   c. **Grab Sample.** A grab sample is defined as an individual discrete sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes. It can be taken manually, using a pump, scoop, vacuum, or other suitable device.

   d. **Field Meter.** A hand-held field meter may be used for **electrical conductivity**, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.

D. Filtration System

1. Monitoring Locations FIL-001 and FIL-002

a. The Discharger shall monitor the filtration system at Monitoring Locations FIL-001 and FIL-002 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-7 and the testing requirements in section IX.D.2.

b. **When coagulation is not used:**

   i. The Discharger shall also monitor at Monitoring Location FIL-001.

   ii. The Discharger shall indicate in their monthly self-monitoring report which days coagulation was used.

Table D-7. Filtration System Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency
Turbidity	NTU	Meter	Continuous

2. **Table D-7 Testing Requirements.** The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-7:

   a. **Turbidity.** Turbidity shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods that have been approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R. part 136 allowed sample type.

   b. **Continuous analyzers.** If analyzers are taken out of operation for routine maintenance activities and no continuous measurements are available from a redundant meter, the Discharger shall divert flow to another filtrations device or to storage to the extent feasible. If the Discharger is not able to divert away from the analyzer, the Discharger shall report documented routine meter maintenance activities, including date, time of day, and duration, in which the analyzer(s) is not in operation and no continuous measurements are available from a redundant meter. If analyzer(s) fail to provide continuous monitoring for more than two hours and influent and/or effluent from the disinfection process is not diverted for retreatment, the Discharger shall obtain and report hourly manual and/or grab sample results.

   c. **Turbidity Reporting.** Report daily average and maximum turbidity. If maximum daily turbidity exceeds 5 NTU, include the total amount of time that turbidity exceeded these levels.

E. Ultraviolet Light (UV) Disinfection System

1. Monitoring Location UVS-001

a. The Discharger shall monitor the UV disinfection system at Monitoring Location UVS-001 when discharging to Mariposa Creek as specified in Table D-8 and the testing requirements in section IX.E.2.

Table D-8. UV Disinfection System Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Location
Flow	MGD	Meter	Continuous	UVS-001
Number of UV banks in operation	Number	Observation	Continuous	N/A
UV Transmittance	Percent (%)	Meter	Continuous	UVS-001
UV Dose	mJ/cm^2	Calculated	Continuous	N/A
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 mL	Grab	3/Week	EFF-001

2. **Table D-8Testing Requirements.** The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-8:

   a. **Flow.** Flow monitoring at EFF-001 may be used to satisfy the UVS-001 flow monitoring requirements, provided flow was not diverted or added between UVS-001 and EFF-001.

   b. **Total Coliform Organisms.** Total Coliform Organisms shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board. In addition, if requested by the Discharger, the sample type may be modified by the Executive Officer to another 40 C.F.R part 136 allowed sample type.

   c. **Continuous analyzers.** If analyzers are taken out of operation for routine maintenance activities and no continuous measurements are available from a redundant meter, the Discharger shall divert flow to another disinfection channel or to storage to the extent feasible. If the Discharger is not able to divert away from the analyzer, the Discharger shall report documented routine meter maintenance activities including date, time of day, and duration, in which the analyzer(s) is not in operation and no continuous measurements are available from a redundant meter. If analyzer(s) fail to provide continuous monitoring for more than two hours and influent and/or effluent from the disinfection process is not diverted for retreatment, the Discharger shall obtain and report hourly manual and/or grab sample results. The Discharger shall not decrease power settings or reduce the number of UV lamp banks in operation, or reduce the tertiary filtration, while the continuous analyzers are out of service and water is being disinfected.

   d. **UV Banks.** Report daily minimum number of UV banks in operation.

   e. **UV Transmittance.** Report daily minimum hourly average UV transmittance. The minimum hourly average transmittance shall consist of lowest average transmittance recorded over an hour of a day when flow is being discharged. If the system does not operate for an entire hour interval on a given day or if effluent flow is not discharged for an entire hour, the transmittance will be averaged based on the actual operation time when discharges are occurring.

   f. **UV Dose.** Report daily minimum hourly average UV dose. The minimum hourly average dose shall consist of lowest hourly average dose provided in any channel that had at least one bank of lamps operating during the hour interval. For channels that did not operate for the entire hour interval or when effluent flow is not discharged for the entire hour, the dose will be averaged based on the actual operation time when discharges occurred.

F. Pyrethroid Pesticides Monitoring - Not Applicable

G. Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization

The Discharger shall monitor the effluent at Monitoring Location EFF-001 and Mariposa Creek at Monitoring Location RSW-001 for the constituents listed in Table D-9, as described in this section.

1. **Monitoring Frequency**
   a. **Effluent Sampling.** Samples shall be collected from the effluent (Monitoring Location EFF-001) once during the period of **1 January 2028 and 31 March 2028** and once during the period of **1 July 2028 and 30 September 2028**.
   b. **Receiving Water Sampling.** Samples shall be collected from the upstream receiving water (Monitoring Location RSW-001) once during the permit term between **1 January 2028 and 31 December 2028**.

   All samples shall be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table D-9, below. The results of such monitoring shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board with the monthly SMRs. Each individual monitoring event shall provide representative sample results for the effluent and upstream receiving water.
2. **Sample Type.** Effluent samples shall be taken as described in Table D-9, below and the testing requirements in section IX.G.5. All receiving water samples shall be taken as grab samples.
3. **Analytical Methods Report Certification**. Prior to beginning the Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization monitoring, the Discharger shall provide a certification acknowledging the scheduled start date of the Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization monitoring and confirming that samples will be collected and analyzed as described in the previously submitted Analytical Methods Report. If there are changes to the previously submitted Analytical Methods Report, the Discharger shall outline those changes. A one-page certification form will be provided by the Central Valley Water Board staff with this NOA that the Discharger can use to satisfy this requirement. The certification form shall be submitted electronically via CIWQS in accordance with the reporting requirements in Table D-10, Technical Reports.

Table D-9. Effluent and Receiving Water Characterization Monitoring

VOLATILE ORGANICS

CTR Number	Volatile Organic Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
25	2-Chloroethyl vinyl Ether	110-75-8	µg/L	Grab
17	Acrolein	107-02-8	µg/L	Grab
18	Acrylonitrile	107-13-1	µg/L	Grab
19	Benzene	71-43-2	µg/L	Grab
20	Bromoform	75-25-2	µg/L	Grab
21	Carbon Tetrachloride	56-23-5	µg/L	Grab
22	Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	µg/L	Grab

CTR Number	Volatile Organic Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
24	Chloroethane	75-00-3	µg/L	Grab
26	Chloroform	67-66-3	µg/L	Grab
35	Methyl Chloride	74-87-3	µg/L	Grab
23	Dibromochloromethane	124-48-1	µg/L	Grab
27	Dichlorobromomethane	75-27-4	µg/L	Grab
36	Methylene Chloride	75-09-2	µg/L	Grab
33	Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	µg/L	Grab
89	Hexachlorobutadiene	87-68-3	µg/L	Grab
34	Methyl Bromide (Bromomethane)	74-83-9	µg/L	Grab
94	Naphthalene	91-20-3	µg/L	Grab
38	Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	127-18-4	µg/L	Grab
39	Toluene	108-88-3	µg/L	Grab
40	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	156-60-5	µg/L	Grab
43	Trichloroethylene (TCE)	79-01-6	µg/L	Grab
44	Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4	µg/L	Grab
21	Methyl-tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	1634-04-4	µg/L	Grab
41	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	µg/L	Grab
42	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	µg/L	Grab
28	1,1-Dichloroethane	75-34-3	µg/L	Grab
30	1,1-Dichloroethylene (DCE)	75-35-4	µg/L	Grab
31	1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5	µg/L	Grab
32	1,3-Dichloropropylene	542-75-6	µg/L	Grab
37	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	µg/L	Grab
101	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120-82-1	µg/L	Grab
29	1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	µg/L	Grab
75	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	µg/L	Grab
76	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	541-73-1	µg/L	Grab
77	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	µg/L	Grab

SEMI-VOLATILE ORGANICS

CTR Number	Semi-Organic Volatile Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
60	Benzo(a)Anthracene	56-55-3	µg/L	Grab
85	1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	122-66-7	µg/L	Grab
45	2-Chlorophenol	95-57-8	µg/L	Grab
46	2,4-Dichlorophenol	120-83-2	µg/L	Grab
47	2,4-Dimethylphenol	105-67-9	µg/L	Grab
49	2,4-Dinitrophenol	51-28-5	µg/L	Grab
82	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	121-14-2	µg/L	Grab
55	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	88-06-2	µg/L	Grab
83	2,6-Dinitrotoluene	606-20-2	µg/L	Grab

CTR Number	Semi-Organic Volatile Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
50	2-Nitrophenol	88-75-5	µg/L	Grab
71	2-Chloronaphthalene	91-58-7	µg/L	Grab
78	3,3-Dichlorobenzidine	91-94-1	µg/L	Grab
62	Benzo(b)Fluoranthene	205-99-2	µg/L	Grab
52	4-Chloro-3-methylphenol	59-50-7	µg/L	Grab
48	2-Methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol	534-52-1	µg/L	Grab
51	4-Nitrophenol	100-02-7	µg/L	Grab
69	4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether	101-55-3	µg/L	Grab
72	4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether	7005-72-3	µg/L	Grab
56	Acenaphthene	83-32-9	µg/L	Grab
57	Acenaphthylene	208-96-8	µg/L	Grab
58	Anthracene	120-12-7	µg/L	Grab
59	Benzidine	92-87-5	µg/L	Grab
61	Benzo(a)Pyrene	50-32-8	µg/L	Grab
63	Benzo(ghi)Perylene	191-24-2	µg/L	Grab
64	Benzo(k)Fluoranthene	207-08-9	µg/L	Grab
65	Bis (2-Chloroethoxy) Methane	111-91-1	µg/L	Grab
66	Bis (2-Chloroethyl) Ether	111-44-4	µg/L	Grab
67	Bis (2-Chloroisopropyl) Ether	108-60-1	µg/L	Grab
68	Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	117-81-7	µg/L	Grab
70	Butylbenzyl Phthalate	85-68-7	µg/L	Grab
73	Chrysene	218-01-9	µg/L	Grab
81	Di-n-butyl Phthalate	84-74-2	µg/L	Grab
84	Di-n-Octyl Phthalate	117-84-0	µg/L	Grab
74	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	53-70-3	µg/L	Grab
79	Diethyl Phthalate	84-66-2	µg/L	Grab
80	Dimethyl Phthalate	131-11-3	µg/L	Grab
86	Fluoranthene	206-44-0	µg/L	Grab
87	Fluorene	86-73-7	µg/L	Grab
88	Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	µg/L	Grab
90	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	77-47-4	µg/L	Grab
91	Hexachloroethane	67-72-1	µg/L	Grab
92	Indeno(1,2,3-cd) Pyrene	193-39-5	µg/L	Grab
93	Isophorone	78-59-1	µg/L	Grab
98	N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	86-30-6	µg/L	Grab
96	N-Nitrosodimethylamine	62-75-9	µg/L	Grab
97	N-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	621-64-7	µg/L	Grab
95	Nitrobenzene	98-95-3	µg/L	Grab
53	Pentachlorophenol (PCP)	87-86-5	µg/L	Grab
99	Phenanthrene	85-01-8	µg/L	Grab
54	Phenol	108-95-2	µg/L	Grab
100	Pyrene	129-00-0	µg/L	Grab

INORGANICS

CTR Number	Inorganic Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
NL	Aluminum	7429-90-5	µg/L	24-hour Composite
1	Antimony, Total	7440-36-0	µg/L	24-hour Composite
2	Arsenic, Total	7440-38-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
15	Asbestos	1332-21-4	MFL	24-hour Composite
3	Beryllium, Total	7440-41-7	µg/L	24-hour Composite
4	Cadmium, Total	7440-43-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
5a	Chromium, Total	7440-47-3	µg/L	24-hour Composite
6	Copper, Total	7440-50-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
14	Iron, Total	7439-89-6	µg/L	24-hour Composite
7	Lead, Total	7439-92-1	µg/L	24-hour Composite
8	Mercury, Total	7439-97-6	µg/L	Grab
NL	Mercury, Methyl	22967-92-6	µg/L	Grab
NL	Manganese, Total	7439-96-5	µg/L	24-hour Composite
9	Nickel, Total	7440-02-0	µg/L	24-hour Composite
10	Selenium, Total	7782-49-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
11	Silver, Total	7440-22-4	µg/L	24-hour Composite
12	Thallium, Total	7440-28-0	µg/L	24-hour Composite
13	Zinc, Total	7440-66-6	µg/L	24-hour Composite

NON-METALS/MINERALS

CTR Number	Non-Metal/Mineral Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
NL	Boron	7440-42-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Chloride	16887-00-6	mg/L	24-hour Composite
14	Cyanide, Total (as CN)	57-12-5	µg/L	Grab
NL	Sulfate	14808-79-8	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Sulfide (as S)	5651-88-7	mg/L	24-hour Composite

PESTICIDES/PCBs/DIOXINS

CTR Number	Pesticide/PCB/Dioxin Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
110	4,4-DDD	72-54-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
109	4,4-DDE	72-55-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
108	4,4-DDT	50-29-3	µg/L	24-hour Composite
112	alpha-Endosulfan	959-98-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite

CTR Number	Pesticide/PCB/Dioxin Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
103	alpha-BHC (Benzene hexachloride)	319-84-6	µg/L	24-hour Composite
102	Aldrin	309-00-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
113	beta-Endosulfan	33213-65-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
104	beta-BHC (Benzene hexachloride)	319-85-7	µg/L	24-hour Composite
107	Chlordane	57-74-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
106	delta-BHC (Benzene hexachloride)	319-86-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
111	Dieldrin	60-57-1	µg/L	24-hour Composite
114	Endosulfan Sulfate	1031-07-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
115	Endrin	72-20-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
116	Endrin Aldehyde	7421-93-4	µg/L	24-hour Composite
117	Heptachlor	76-44-8	µg/L	24-hour Composite
118	Heptachlor Epoxide	1024-57-3	µg/L	24-hour Composite
105	gamma-BHC (Benzene hexachloride or Lindane)	58-89-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
119	Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) 1016	12674-11-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
120	PCB 1221	11104-28-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
121	PCB 1232	11141-16-5	µg/L	24-hour Composite
122	PCB 1242	53469-21-9	µg/L	24-hour Composite
123	PCB 1248	12672-29-6	µg/L	24-hour Composite
124	PCB 1254	11097-69-1	µg/L	24-hour Composite
125	PCB 1260	11096-82-5	µg/L	24-hour Composite
126	Toxaphene	8001-35-2	µg/L	24-hour Composite
16	2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin)	1746-01-6	mg/L	24-hour Composite

CONVENTIONAL PARAMETERS

CTR Number	Conventional Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
NL	pH	--	SU	Grab
NL	Temperature	--	ºC	Grab

NON-CONVENTIONAL PARAMETERS

CTR Number	Nonconventional Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
NL	Foaming Agents (MBAS)	MBAS	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Hardness (as CaCO3)	471-34-1	mg/L	Grab
NL	Specific Conductance (Electrical Conductivity or EC)	EC	µmhos /cm	24-hour Composite
NL	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	TDS	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)	DOC	mg/L	24-hour Composite

NUTRIENTS

CTR Number	Nutrient Parameters	CAS Number	Units	Effluent Sample Type
NL	Ammonia (as N)	7664-41-7	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Nitrate (as N)	14797-55-8	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Nitrite (as N)	14797-65-0	mg/L	24-hour Composite
NL	Phosphorus, Total (as P)	7723-14-0	mg/L	24-hour Composite

5. **Table D-9 Testing Requirements.** The Discharger shall comply with the following testing requirements when monitoring for the parameters described in Table D-9:

   a. **Applicable to All Parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.

   b. **Grab Sample.** A grab sample is defined as an individual discrete sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes. It can be taken manually, using a pump, scoop, vacuum, or other suitable device.

   c. **Composite Sample.** All composite samples shall be collected from a 24-hour flow proportional composite.

   d. **Redundant Sampling.** The Discharger is not required to conduct effluent monitoring for constituents that have already been sampled in a given month, as required in Table D-3, except for dissolved organic carbon,

hardness, pH, and temperature, which shall be conducted concurrently with the characterization sampling.

e. **Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate.** In order to verify if bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate is truly present in the effluent discharge, the Discharger shall take steps to assure that sample containers, sampling apparatus, and analytical equipment are not sources of the detected contaminant.

f. **Total Mercury and methylmercury.** Samples for total mercury and methylmercury shall be taken using clean hands/dirty hands procedures, as described in U.S. EPA method 1669: Sampling Ambient Water for Trace Metals at EPA Water Quality Criteria Levels, for collection of equipment blanks (section 9.4.4.2), and shall be analyzed by U.S. EPA method 1630/1631 (Revision E) with a reporting limit of 0.05 ng/L for methylmercury and 0.5 nanograms per liter (ng/L) for total mercury.

g. **TCDD-Dioxin Congener Equivalents** shall include all 17 of the 2,3,7,8 TCDD dioxin congeners as listed in section 3 of the SIP.

h. **Ammonia (as N).** Sampling is only required in the upstream receiving water.

i. **Aluminum.** Aluminum can be tested by using either total or acid-soluble (inductively coupled plasma/atomic emission spectrometry or inductively coupled plasma/mass spectrometry) analysis methods, as supported by U.S. EPA's Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum document (EPA 440/5-86-008), or other methods that exclude aluminum silicate particles as approved by the Executive Officer for comparison with the 2018 U.S. EPA NAWQC for protection of freshwater aquatic life criterion aquatic life criteria. For comparison to the Secondary MCL, aluminum samples may be passed through a 1.5-micron filter.

j. **Iron and Manganese.** Iron and manganese samples may be passed through a 1.5-micron filter for comparison with the Secondary MCL.

X. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. General Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions (Attachment D of the Municipal General Order) related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
2. Upon written request of the Central Valley Water Board, the Discharger shall submit a summary monitoring report. The report shall contain both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year(s).
3. **Compliance Time Schedules – Not Applicable**
4. 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.

5. Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted by the Executive Officer to a less frequent basis if a Discharger makes a request and the request is backed by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted.

B. Self-Monitoring Reports

1. The Discharger shall electronically submit SMRs using the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html). The CIWQS Web site will provide additional information for SMR submittal in the event there will be a planned service interruption for electronic submittal.
2. The Discharger shall report in the SMR the results for all monitoring specified in this MRP under sections III through IX. The Discharger shall submit monthly SMRs including the results of all required monitoring using U.S. EPA-approved test methods or other test methods specified in this MRP. SMRs are to include all new monitoring results obtained since the last SMR was submitted. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this MRP, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculations and reporting of the data submitted in the SMR.
3. Monitoring periods and reporting for all required monitoring shall begin on May 2026 and be completed according to the following:

Table D-10. Monitoring Periods and Reporting Schedule

Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Period	SMR Due Date
Continuous	All	Submit with monthly SMR
1/Day	(Midnight through 11:59 PM) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling.	Submit with monthly SMR
1/Week	Sunday through Saturday	Submit with monthly SMR
3/Week	Sunday through Saturday	Submit with monthly SMR
1/Month	1st day of calendar month through last day of calendar month	First day of second calendar month following month of sampling
2/Month	1st day of calendar month through last day of calendar month	First day of second calendar month following month of sampling
1/Quarter	1 January through 31 March; 1 April through 30 June; 1 July through 30 September; 1 October through 31 December	1 May; 1 August; 1 November; 1 February of following year (respectively)

Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Period	SMR Due Date
1/Year	1 January through 31 December	1 February of following year
2/Year (Chronic Toxicity)	1 January through 30 June 1 July through 31 December	Submit with monthly SMR
1/Permit Term (Receiving Water Characterization)	1 January 2028 through 31 December 2028	Submit with monthly SMR
2/Permit Term (Effluent Characterization)	1 January 2028 through 31 March 2028 1 July 2028 through 30 September 2028	Submit with monthly SMR

4. **Reporting Protocols.** The Discharger shall report with each sample result the applicable RL and the current laboratory's MDL, as determined by the procedure in 40 C.F.R. part 136.

   The Discharger shall report the results of analytical determinations for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following reporting protocols:

   a. Sample results greater than or equal to the RL shall be reported as measured by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample).

   b. Sample results less than the RL, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL, shall be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified," or DNQ. The estimated chemical concentration of the sample shall also be reported.

      For the purposes of data collection, the laboratory shall write the estimated chemical concentration next to DNQ. The laboratory may, if such information is available, include numerical estimates of the data quality for the reported result. Numerical estimates of data quality may be percent accuracy (± a percentage of the reported value), numerical ranges (low to high), or any other means considered appropriate by the laboratory.

   c. Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL shall be reported as "Not Detected," or ND.

   d. Dischargers are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML value (or its equivalent if there is differential treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time is the Discharger to use analytical data derived from extrapolation beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.

5. **Multiple Sample Data.** When determining compliance with an AMEL, AWEL, or maximum daily effluent limitation (MDEL) for priority pollutants and more

than one sample result is available, the Discharger shall compute the arithmetic mean unless the data set contains one or more reported determinations of "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) or ND. In those cases, the Discharger shall compute the median in place of the arithmetic mean in accordance with the following procedure:

a. The data set shall be ranked from low to high, ranking the reported ND determinations lowest, DNQ determinations next, followed by quantified values (if any). The order of the individual ND or DNQ determinations is unimportant.

b. The median value of the data set shall be determined. If the data set has an odd number of data points, then the median is the middle value. If the data set has an even number of data points, then the median is the average of the two values around the middle unless one or both of the points are ND or DNQ, in which case the median value shall be the lower of the two data points where DNQ is lower than a value and ND is lower than DNQ.

6. The Discharger shall submit SMRs in accordance with the following requirements:

   a. The Discharger shall submit all monitoring data within CIWQS as much as possible. When electronic submittal of data is required and CIWQS does not provide for entry into a tabular format within the system, the Discharger shall contact the CIWQS help desk (CIWQS@waterboards.ca.gov) to request that capability be added in CIWQS for entry of the data within the system. Prior to creation of this capability in CIWQS, the Discharger shall electronically submit the data in a tabular format as an attachment.

   b. The Discharger shall arrange all reported data in a tabular format. The data shall be summarized to clearly illustrate whether the facility is operating in compliance with interim and/or final effluent limitations. The Discharger is not required to duplicate the submittal of data that is entered in a tabular format within CIWQS.

   c. The Discharger shall attach a cover letter to the SMR. The information contained in the cover letter shall clearly identify violations of the waste discharge requirements; discuss corrective actions taken or planned; and the proposed time schedule for corrective actions. Identified violations must include a description of the requirement that was violated and a description of the violation. The cover letter must be uploaded directly into CIWQS and violations must be entered into CIWQS under the Violations tab for the reporting period in which the violation occurred in addition to them being identified in the cover letter.

   d. The Discharger shall attach final laboratory reports for all contracted, commercial laboratories, including quality assurance/quality control information, with all its SMRs for which sample analyses were performed.

Bench sheets are not required but should be available upon request by Regional Board staff.

7. The Discharger shall submit in the SMRs calculations and reports in accordance with the following requirements:

   a. **Calendar Annual Average Limitations –** For Dischargers subject to effluent limitations or triggers specified as "calendar annual average" (e.g., electrical conductivity), the Discharger shall report the calendar annual average in the December SMR. The annual average shall be calculated as the average of the samples gathered for the calendar year.

   b. **Mass Loading Limitations – Not Applicable**

   c. **Removal Efficiency (BOD_5 and TSS).** The Discharger shall calculate and report the percent removal of BOD_5 and TSS in the SMRs. The percent removal shall be calculated as specified in section VIII.A of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements in the Municipal General Order.

   d. **Total Coliform Organisms Effluent Limitations.** The Discharger shall calculate and report the 7-day median of total coliform organisms for the effluent. The 7-day median of total coliform organisms shall be calculated as specified in section VIII.E of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements in the Municipal General Order.

   e. **Total Calendar Annual Mass Loading Mercury Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable**

   f. **Temperature Effluent Limitation – Not Applicable**

   g. **Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable**

   h. **Dissolved Oxygen Receiving Water Limitations.** The Discharger shall report monthly in the SMR the dissolved oxygen concentrations in the receiving water (Monitoring Locations RSW-001 and RSW 002).

   i. **Turbidity Receiving Water Limitations**. The Discharger shall calculate and report the turbidity increase in the receiving water applicable to the natural turbidity condition specified in section VI.A.18.a, of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements in the Municipal General Order.

   j. **Temperature Receiving Water Limitations.** The Discharger shall calculate and report the temperature increase in the receiving water based on the difference in temperature at Monitoring Locations RSW-001 and RSW-002.

C. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

1. The Discharger shall electronically submit DMRs together with SMRs using Electronic Self-Monitoring Reports module eSMR 2.5 or any upgraded version. Electronic submittal of DMRs will be in addition to electronic submittal of SMRs. Information about electronic submittal of DMRs is provided by the Discharge Monitoring Report website: (www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/discharge_monitoring/).

D. Other Reports

1. **Special Study Reports.** Special study reports required by section IX.C, Provisions, in this NOA shall be submitted in accordance with the reporting requirements in Table D-11, Technical Reports below.
2. **Analytical Methods Report.** The Discharger shall complete and submit an Analytical Methods Report, electronically via CIWQS submittal, by the due date specified in Table D-11 below. The Analytical Methods Report shall include the following for each constituent listed in tables D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6, and D-9 of this NOA: 1) applicable water quality objective, 2) reporting level (RL), 3) method detection limit (MDL), and 4) analytical method. The analytical methods shall be sufficiently sensitive with RLs consistent with the SSM Rule (see also General Monitoring Provision F in the Municipal General Order), and with the Minimum Levels (MLs) in the SIP, Appendix 4. The "Reporting Level or RL" is synonymous with the "Method Minimum Level" described in the SSM Rule. If an RL is greater than the applicable water quality objective for a constituent, the Discharger shall explain how the proposed analytical method complies with the SSM Rule. Central Valley Water Board staff will provide a tool with this NOA to assist the Discharger in completing this requirement. The tool will include the constituents and associated applicable water quality objectives to be included in the Analytical Methods Report.
3. **Annual Operations Report.** The Discharger shall submit in accordance with the reporting requirements in Table D-11, Technical Reports, a written report containing the following:
    a. The names, certificate grades, and general responsibilities of all persons employed at the Facility.
    b. The names and telephone numbers of persons to contact regarding the plant for emergency and routine situations.
    c. A statement certifying when the flow meter(s) and other monitoring instruments and devices were last calibrated, including identification of who performed the calibration.
    d. A statement certifying whether the current operation and maintenance manual, and contingency plan, reflect the wastewater treatment plant as currently constructed and operated, and the dates when these documents were last revised and last reviewed for adequacy.
    e. The Discharger may also be requested to submit an annual report to the Central Valley Water Board with both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year. Any such request shall be made in writing. The report shall discuss the compliance record. If violations have occurred, the report shall also discuss the corrective actions taken and planned to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
4. **Annual Pretreatment Reporting Requirements – Not Applicable**

5. **Recycled Water Policy Annual Reports.** In accordance with Section 3 of the Water Quality Control Policy for Recycled Water (Recycled Water Policy) and as specified in this NOA, the Discharger shall electronically submit an annual report of monthly data to the State Water Board by 30 April annually covering the previous calendar year using the State Water Board's GeoTracker website (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/). Information for setting up and using the GeoTracker system can be found in the ESI Guide for Responsible Parties document on the State Water Board's website for Electronic Submittal of Information (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/index.html).

   The annual report to GeoTracker must include volumetric reporting of the items listed in Section 3.2 of the Recycled Water Policy (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2018/121118_7_final_amendment_oal.pdf). A PDF of the upload confirmation from GeoTracker for the Recycled Water Policy Annual Report shall be uploaded into CIWQS to demonstrate compliance with this reporting requirement.

6. **Technical Report Submittals.** The Municipal General Order, as specified in this NOA, includes requirements to submit various reports and documents that may include, a Notice of Intent, special study technical reports, progress reports, and other reports identified in the MRP (hereafter referred to collectively as "technical reports"). The Technical Reports Table D-11 below summarizes the technical reports that are applicable to this discharge and required by this NOA, and the due dates for each submittal. All technical reports shall be submitted electronically via CIWQS submittal. Technical reports should be uploaded as a PDF, Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Excel file attachment.

Table D-11. Technical Reports

Report #	Technical Report	Due Date	CIWQS Report Name
1	Notice of Intent	1 May 2030	NOI
2	Analytical Methods Report	30 July 2026	MRP X.D.2
3	Analytical Methods Report Certification	1 November 2027	MRP IX.E.4
4	Annual Operations Report #1	1 February 2027	MRP X.D.3
5	Annual Operations Report #2	1 February 2028	MRP X.D.3
6	Annual Operations Report #3	1 February 2029	MRP X.D.3
7	Annual Operations Report #4	1 February 2030	MRP X.D.3
8	Annual Operations Report #5	1 February 2031	MRP X.D.3

Report #	Technical Report	Due Date	CIWQS Report Name
9	Recycled Water Policy Annual Report Submittal Confirmation #1	30 April 2026	MRP X.D.5
10	Recycled Water Policy Annual Report Submittal Confirmation #2	30 April 2027	MRP X.D.5
11	Recycled Water Policy Annual Report Submittal Confirmation #3	30 April 2028	MRP X.D.5
12	Recycled Water Policy Annual Report Submittal Confirmation #4	30 April 2029	MRP X.D.5
13	Recycled Water Policy Annual Report Submittal Confirmation #5	30 April 2030	MRP X.D.6
14	Updated Salinity Evaluation and Minimization Plan	1 April of year following exceedance	MGO VII.C.3.c

APPENDIX E – DETERMINATION OF WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS (WQBELS)

The Central Valley Water Board determined water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) as described in the Municipal General Order, section V.C.4 of the Fact Sheet (Attachment F), using the effluent limits tables included in the Municipal General Order, section V.A.1 of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements. For parameters with both human health and aquatic life objectives/criteria, the final effluent limitations in this NOA are based on the lower of the effluent limitations based on the aquatic life objectives/criteria and human health objectives/criteria.

Abbreviations and Notes:

1. CV = Coefficient of Variation (established in accordance with section 1.4 of the SIP)
2. MDEL = Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation
3. AMEL = Average Monthly Effluent Limitation
4. MDEL = Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation
5. AWEL = Average Weekly Effluent Limitation
6. CMC = Criterion Maximum Concentration
7. CCC = Criterion Continuous Concentration
8. Coefficient of Variation (CV) calculated using effluent sample data for the parameter listed.
9. Effluent Limit Table as indicated and contained in section V, Effluent Limitations and Discharge Specifications, of the Municipal General Order. Specific table listed is used to determine the appropriate AMEL, AWEL, or MDEL.

Table E-1. Human Health WQBELs Calculations

Parameter	Units	Criteria	CV	Effluent Limit Table in Municipal General Order	AMEL	AWEL
Nitrate Plus Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	10	0.6	20B	10	17

Table E-2. Aquatic Life WQBELs Calculations

Parameter	Units	CMC	CCC	CV	Effluent Limit Table in Municipal General Order	AMEL	AWEL	MDEL
Ammonia, Total (as N)	mg/L	7.8	2.0	0.6	18D	1.8	4.0	
Copper, Total Recoverable	µg/L	18	12	0.6	10E	8.9		18
Zinc, Total Recoverable	µg/L	150	150	0.5	12E	81		150