

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2015-0144

AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER R5-2012-0115-01 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079154)

CITY OF TRACY
TRACY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

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

1. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2012-0115-01(NPDES Permit) was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 7 December 2012, and amended by Order R5-2014-0122 on 9 October 2014. The NPDES permit prescribes waste discharge requirements for the City of Tracy Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Joaquin County. For the purposes of this Order, the City of Tracy is hereafter referred to as “Discharger” and the Tracy Wastewater Treatment Plant is hereafter referred to as “Facility.”
2. The Facility’s treatment system consists of screening, primary sedimentation basins, biofiltration, secondary aeration basins providing full nitrification/denitrification using the Modified Ludzack-Ettinger (MLE) process, tertiary filtration, chlorination, and dechlorination. In addition, a local cheese manufacturer (Leprino Foods Company) leases two aerated lagoons and one unlined oxidation pond from the Discharger for pretreatment of its industrial food processing water, which is then directed to the Facility’s primary sedimentation basins. Biosolids are thickened by dissolved air flotation, anaerobically digested, dewatered in drying beds, and hauled off-site for land application or disposal. Wastewater is discharged to Old River, a water of the United States and part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
3. The United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated federal regulations for storm water on 16 November 1990 in the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Parts 122, 123, and 124. The NPDES Industrial Storm Water Program regulates storm water discharges from wastewater treatment facilities. Wastewater treatment plants are applicable industries under the storm water program and are obligated to comply with the federal regulations.
4. The State Water Resources Control Board’s Water Quality Order 2014-0057-DWQ, General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001), does not require facilities to obtain coverage under the General Storm Water Permit if discharges of storm water are regulated under another individual or general NPDES permit adopted by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board. All storm water at the Facility is captured and directed to the Facility headworks for treatment and disposal under the Discharger’s individual NPDES Permit. Therefore, coverage under the General Storm Water Permit is not required. This Order amends the NPDES Permit to make this clarification in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F).

5. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.), in accordance with CWC section 13389.
6. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to amend the Waste Discharge Requirements for this discharge and has provided an opportunity to submit public comments for Central Valley Water Board consideration.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Effective immediately, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2012-0115-01 (NPDES No. CA0079154) is amended as shown in items 1 – 2, below.

1. The Order number is changed from R5-2012-0115-01 to R5-2012-0115-02.
2. Attachment F, Fact Sheet – Modify section III.C.8 Storm Water Requirements, as shown in underline/strikeout format below:

8. Storm Water Requirements

USEPA promulgated federal regulations for storm water on 16 November 1990 in 40 CFR Parts 122, 123, and 124. The NPDES Industrial Storm Water Program regulates storm water discharges from wastewater treatment facilities. Wastewater treatment plants are applicable industries under the storm water program and are obligated to comply with the federal regulations. The State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order 2014-0057-DWQ, General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (NPDES General Permit No. CAS000001), does not require facilities to obtain coverage if discharges of storm water are regulated under another individual or general NPDES permit adopted by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board (Finding I.B.20). All storm water at the Facility is captured and directed to the Facility headworks for treatment and disposal under this Order. Therefore, coverage under the General Storm Water Permit is not required.

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 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 of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order 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. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 11 December 2015.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer