

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2014-0107

MODIFYING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2013-0059  
FOR  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
FOR  
OPERATION  
VISALIA MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL  
TULARE COUNTY

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

1. The County of Tulare (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates the Visalia Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (facility) at the intersection of Road 80 and Avenue 328 about seven miles northwest of Visalia in Section 5, T18S, R24E, MDB&M. The facility is a municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill regulated under authority given in the California Water Code, Section 13000 et seq.; California Code of Regulations, Title 27 ("Title 27"), Section 20005 et seq.; and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Section 258 (a.k.a, "Subtitle D") in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution 93-62.
2. The facility is on a 631-acre property. The facility contains one existing unlined, 127-acre waste management unit (WMU I) and one lined 115-acre waste management unit (WMU II). The facility is a portion of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 077-020-018, 077-020-021, 077-020-012, and 077-020-011.
3. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2013-0059, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 31 May 2013, prescribes requirements for construction, operation, closure, postclosure maintenance, and corrective action of the landfill.
4. The Discharger submitted a Joint Technical Document (JTD) revision dated 18 December 2013. The JTD was determined to be adequate by Central Valley Water Board staff. The JTD revision proposed the discharge of dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge at the facility in accordance with Title 27, Section 20220(c) and for use as an alternative daily cover (ADC) in accordance with Title 27, Section 20690.
5. The Discharger proposes acceptance and disposal of dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge away from the public drop-off and in the lined WMU II, which is equipped with a Leachate Collection and Removal System (LCRS). The dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge would be delivered at the site at designated times to avoid peak hours and to facilitate staging operations.

6. The dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge would contain 20 percent or more solids by weight, have undergone both primary and secondary treatment, and be designated non-hazardous by laboratory analysis, in accordance with Title 27, Section 20220(c)(1) and (2).
7. In accordance with Title 27, Section 20220(c)(3), minimum solids-to-liquids ratio of 5:1 by weight will be maintained in the sludge/solid waste mixture.
8. The Discharger proposes use of a dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge/soil mixture as ADC or interim cover.

### **CEQA AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

9. The Tulare County Resource Management Agency filed a Notice of Exemption on 7 June 2013, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(1), and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268. The modification of WDRs Order No. R5-2013-0059 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. The modification of WDRs Order No. R5-2013-0059 pertains to an existing facility with negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

10. All local agencies with jurisdiction to regulate land use, solid waste disposal, air pollution, and to protect public health have approved the use of this site for the discharges of waste to land stated herein.
11. The Central Valley Water Board notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for this discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
12. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the modification of WDRs Order R5-2013-0059.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to California Water Code Sections 13263 and 13267, that the requirements of WDRs Order R5-2013-0059 is modified as follows:

Discharge Specifications B.5 and B.6 are added to read as:

## B. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

5. The Discharger may dispose of dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge as described in Title 27, section 20220(c) provided it is discharged above a composite liner with a LCRS [Title 27, § 20200(d)(3)].
6. The Discharger may utilize a dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge/soil mixture as ADC or interim cover provided that the mixture meets the requirements of Title 27, Section 20690 et seq.

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 that this Order becomes final, except that if the thirtieth day following the date that this Order becomes final 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](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 that 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 8 August 2014.

*Original signed by:*

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer