

ITEM: 30

SUBJECT: Consideration of Time Schedule Orders for Small Communities with Financial Hardship

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Orders*

BACKGROUND: Four small communities with financial hardship have been unable to complete projects to comply with permit and enforcement order requirements. Some have accumulated numerous effluent limitation violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385. Time Schedule Orders are proposed for Regional Water Board adoption to provide a time schedule to come into compliance and to provide exceptions from mandatory penalties as authorized by the regulations.

- a. Nevada County Sanitation District No. 1, Lake of the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant, Nevada County

Nevada County Sanitation District #1 owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system and provides sewage service for the community of Lake of the Pines. Treated wastewater is discharged to land during the dry periods, and to Magnolia Creek, which is a tributary to the Bear River, during the winter. Lake of the Pines has been unable to comply with a time schedule to upgrade its facility pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0095 (NPDES No. CA0081612), and has accumulated numerous effluent limitation violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385. The Discharger is in the process of constructing a new wastewater treatment plant. The proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) requires full compliance with effluent limitations for BOD, total suspended solids, settleable solids, turbidity, total coliform organisms, ammonia, and aluminum, and other requirements by 1 April 2008. The TSO provides an exemption from further mandatory penalties for constituents subject to the Order with the exception of aluminum, ammonia, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite

- b. Maxwell Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant, Colusa County

The Maxwell Public Utility District owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewage service to the community of Maxwell. The treated municipal wastewater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Lurline Creek, which is a tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. Maxwell has been unable to comply with a time schedule to upgrade its facility pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R5-2002-0022 (NPDES No. CA0079987), and has accumulated numerous effluent limitation violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385. The Discharger has proposed to complete a project to dispose all effluent to land. The proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) requires full compliance with effluent limitations for BOD, total suspended solids, turbidity, total coliform organisms, and ammonia, and other effluent limitations by 18 May 2010, by implementing land disposal of effluent. The TSO provides an exemption from further mandatory penalties for constituents subject to the Order with the exception of ammonia.

c. City of Colusa, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Colusa County

The City of Colusa owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewage service to the City of Colusa. The treated municipal wastewater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Powell Slough, which is tributary to the Colusa Trough and the Colusa Basin Drain. The City of Colusa has been unable to comply with a time schedule to upgrade its facility pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0020 (NPDES No. CA0078999), and has accumulated numerous effluent limitation violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385. The Discharger has proposed to construct a tertiary treatment plant to comply with the NPDES permit. The proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) requires full compliance with effluent limitations for BOD, total suspended solids, turbidity, total coliform organisms, aluminum, copper, and ammonia, and other effluent limitations by 1 August 2008. The TSO provides an exemption from further mandatory penalties for constituents subject to the Order, with the exception of aluminum and ammonia.

~~d. City of Williams, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Colusa County~~

~~The City of Williams owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewage service to the City of Williams. The treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Salt Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to Freshwater Creek and the Colusa Basin Drain. The City of Williams has been unable to comply with a time schedule to upgrade its facility pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2001-0049 (NPDES No. CA0077933), and has accumulated numerous effluent limitation violations subject to mandatory minimum penalties pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385. The Discharger has proposed to construct a tertiary treatment plant. The proposed Time Schedule Order (TSO) requires full compliance with effluent limitations for BOD, total suspended solids, turbidity total coliform organisms, and ammonia, and other effluent limitations by 1 October 2010. The TSO provides an exemption from further mandatory penalties for constituents subject to the Order.~~

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

ISSUES:

Issues are unknown at this time. Comments are due after the completion of the agenda package.

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