

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: City of Jackson, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Amador County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Order amending Time Schedule Order R5-2015-0003 (NPDES No. CA0079391)*

BACKGROUND: The City of Jackson (Discharger) owns and operates the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Facility discharges up to 0.71 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated wastewater to Jackson Creek, a water of the United States, and a tributary to Amador Lake within the Mokelumne River watershed. On 5 February 2015, Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2015-0003 was adopted providing a time schedule for conversion to UV disinfection and addition of anoxic basins. The TSO requires compliance with the final effluent limitations for chlorodibromomethane, cyanide, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and total trihalomethanes by 1 March 2018.

Following the adoption of the Facility Pre-Design Report in April 2014, the Discharger's Ratepayer's Protection Alliance raised concerns over project costs. A rate increase was proposed to meet project costs. Although there was not enough support to stop the rate increase, a petition for referendum was presented to the Discharger in order to protest the rate increase and a lawsuit filed. In response, the Discharger worked with the Ratepayer's Protection Alliance and released a new Request for Proposal for design services in May 2015. As a result, the Discharger selected a new design consultant in July 2015 to reduce project costs.

The Discharger has estimated that the proposed project will need eight additional months to complete. The proposed Order amending the TSO will allow an extension of the compliance schedule and protection from MMPs from 1 March 2018 to 1 November 2018.

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the discharger and interested parties on 12 January 2016 for a 30-day public comment period closing on 11 February 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Order amending TSO R5-2015-0003.

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