

**Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
Board Meeting – 8-9 June 2017**

**Response to Written Comments for
Grimmway Enterprises, Inc.
West Plant
Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements**

At a public hearing scheduled for 8 and 9 June 2017, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., West Plant. This document contains responses to written comments received from interested persons regarding the tentative WDRs (TWDRs) initially circulated on 29 March 2017. Written comments were required by public notice to be received by the Central Valley Water Board by 1 May 2017 to receive full consideration. Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., submitted written comments.

Written comments are summarized below, followed by the response of the Central Valley Water Board staff. Staff has made some minor changes to the tentative WDRs based on the comments to increase clarity and fix typographical errors. Where specific changes are presented below, additions are in bold text and deletions are in bold strike-out.

GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., (GRIMMWAY) COMMENTS

On 18 April 2017, Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., submitted comments for the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements via email.

GRIMMWAY COMMENT NO. 1: Grimmway requests that Land Application Area Specification E.7 of the Waste Discharge Requirements be change to read “Crops and/or landscape shall be grown in the LAA...”. According to Grimmway, crops will be grown in the LAA’s; however, the first choice is to grow landscape.

RESPONSE: The requested change has been made. Land Application Area Specification E.7 of the Waste Discharge Requirements now reads as follows:

“Crops **and/or landscape** shall be grown in the LAA. Crops **and/or landscape** shall be selected based on nutrient uptake, consumptive use of water, and irrigation requirements to maximize crop **and/or landscape** uptake of water and nutrients”

GRIMMWAY COMMENT NO. 2: Grimmway states that because the monitoring frequency for effluent EC and BOD in the Monitoring and Reporting Program is on a monthly basis the Wastewater Reporting A.3 of the Monitoring and Reporting Program requiring monthly average of effluent EC and BOD is redundant. Grimmway requests to remove Wastewater Reporting A.3 of the Monitoring and Reporting Program.

RESPONSE: The requested change has been made.