

18/19 FEBRUARY 2021 BOARD MEETING CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT:

Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements for the Brookfield Sunset LLC, Amoruso Ranch Project, Placer County

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements

BACKGROUND:

A Waste Discharge Requirements Order (Order) is proposed for the Brookfield Sunset LLC (Permittee), Amoruso Ranch Project (Project) in Placer County. The approximately 674-acre Project consists of mass grading for future development, including commercial and office facilities, residential housing, public and quasi-public uses, open space, and Placer Parkway right-of-way area. The Project will impact 13.98 acres of aquatic resource habitat. The Project will create approximately 157 acres of open space, which includes a 108.5-acre preserve. Project activities within the preserve area will indirectly impact 1.68 acres and protect approximately 17.28 acres of waters of the United States.

Prior to final California Environmental Quality Act approval and submittal of a Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers determined the Central Valley Water Board had waived its Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification under Code of Federal Regulations, part 33, section 325.2(b)(ii). Accordingly, the Clean Water Act section 401 certification requirements do not apply.

The proposed Order provides details of the Project activities, including compensatory mitigation measures planned to compensate for the permanent loss of waters of the United States and requiring avoidance and minimization measures to reduce on-site impacts during construction activities. The proposed Order describes technical conditions required to be met throughout the implementation of construction activities that allow for activities to meet Basin Plan objectives.

ISSUES:

A tentative Order was issued for public comment on 8 December 2020 with comments due by 8 January 2021. Written comments from interested parties were received by the deadline from:

1. Amber Beckler (resident of Placer County)
2. Isabella Langone (Conservation Analyst, California Native Plant Society)
3. Cheryl Berkema (resident of Placer County)

4. Larissa Berry (Defend Granite Bay)
5. Diana Suarez (resident of Placer County)
6. Leslie Warren (Chair, Alliance for Environmental Leadership)
7. Michael Garabedian (Placer County Tomorrow)

A Response to Comments document is included in the agenda package that summarizes the written comments followed by responses by Central Valley Water Board staff. Some revisions were made to the Tentative Order to address comments received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Internet Zoom Meeting