Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

23 August 2024 Board Meeting

Changes to Amended Waste Discharge Requirements

for

the Limited Threat General Order

The following are Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff responses to comments submitted by interested parties regarding the tentative order amending Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit CAG995002) for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water.

The tentative amending order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 17 June 2024 with comments due by 17 July 2024. The Central Valley Water Board received public comments regarding the tentative amending order by the due date from The Amah Mustsun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista and A.M.T.B. Inc. No changes were made to the proposed Permit amendment based on public comments received.

The submitted comments were accepted into the record, and are summarized below, followed by Central Valley Water Board staff responses.

The Amah Mustun Tribal Band of San Juan Bautista & A.M.T.B. Inc. Comments

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1. **General Comment**

   The Commenter recommends searching through available tribal portals (SLF and CHRIS) and contacting the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to determine areas of cultural and/or historic sensitivity. If a project is within one mile of a cultural or historic sensitivity, the Commenter recommends:

   - All crews, individuals and personnel who will be moving any earth be Cultural Sensitivity Trained.
   - A qualified California trained archaeological monitor is present during any earth movement.
   - A qualified Native American monitor is present during any earth movement.

   RESPONSE: Thank you for the comment and recommendations. This comment is outside of the scope of the amending order which adds an enrollment discharge category for applying alum for phosphorous sequestration to surface waters and effluent limitations for other point source discharges to waters of the United States. This comment concerns recommended measures for earth moving work to avoid or reduce impacts to tribal cultural resources; these measures would not be applicable to permitting limited threat surface water discharges.