19 June 2025

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City of Merced
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT CA0079219

FOR

CITY OF MERCED
MERCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
MERCED COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

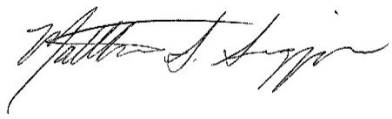
Enclosed is tentative Waste Discharge Requirements/NPDES Order for the City of Merced (Discharger), Merced Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). In accordance with the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing (Notice), written comments and evidence concerning the proposed Order must be submitted to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **21 July 2025** Written material submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **21 July 2025** will not be accepted and incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its **21-22 August 2025** Board Meeting. See the enclosed Notice for additional information about the Public Hearing. The Discharger must post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse and one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed). Please post the Notice as soon as possible and provide proof of posting, using the enclosed form, by **3 July 2025.**

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative NPDES Permit package to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the package from the Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders Page (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of the package may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water

Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, please contact Nicolette Dentoni at (559) 444-2505 or Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov.



Matthew S. Scroggins
Senior Engineer

Enclosures (3):

Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)
Notice of Public Hearing (Discharger Only)
Proof of Posting Form (Discharger Only)

cc w/ one (1) enclosure (Notice of Public Hearing):

Region 5 Tribal and Environmental Justice Organizations, Merced County
Peter Kozelka, U.S. EPA Region IX, San Francisco (email only)
Prasad Gullapalli, U.S. EPA Region IX, San Francisco (email only)
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento
Justin Sloan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento (email only)
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa
State Water Resources Control Board, OCC, Sacramento (email only)
Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)
Orlando Gonzalez, Division of Drinking Water, State Water Board, Fresno (email only)
Julie Vance, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Fresno
Department of Toxic Substances Control Division, Clovis
Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin District, Fresno
Merced Irrigation District, Merced
Rebecca Sheehan, Metropolitan Water District (email RSheehan@mwdh2o.com)
Merced County, Environmental Health Department
Merced County, Department of Public Works
Bill Osmer, City of Merced, Merced (email only)
Jeremy Geiger, City of Merced, Merced (email only)
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Stockton
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Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association, Sacramento (email only)
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Jo Anne Kipps (email only)