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Waste Discharge to Land Program Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

Overview of the Waste Discharge to Land Program

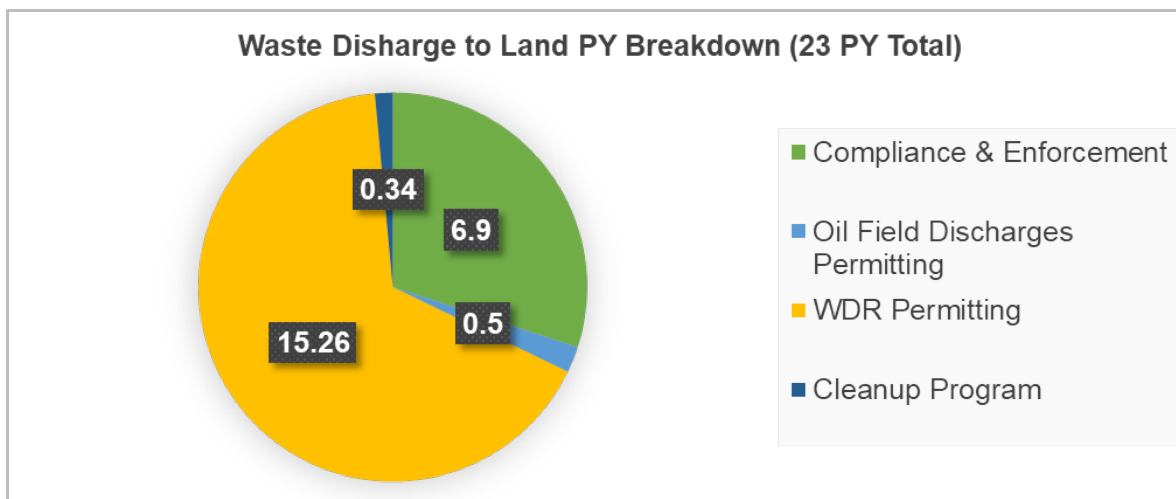
The Waste Discharge to Land Program regulates waste discharges that may affect the quality of surface and ground waters of the state. The Program includes staff from all three offices, and is the oldest state water quality control program, covering a wide variety of discharges. In the Central Valley, the Program primarily regulates wastewater (sewage) treatment facilities, food processing industries (including wineries), wastewater recycling, sand and gravel mines, and other industries that discharge non-hazardous wastes. A staff of 23 full-time positions or person years (PY) currently regulates over 1,400 facilities in the Central Valley.

Program Goals

In order to protect the quality of the water within the Central Valley for all beneficial uses for present and future generations, the Waste Discharge to Land Program's core activities include expediting the completion of new or revised individual waste discharge requirements (permits); the identification and enrollment of dischargers under existing general orders or waivers; and the development additional general orders to regulate classes of dischargers in a consistent manner.

The Waste Discharge to Land Program will be implementing the CV-SALTS requirements. These tasks will include stakeholder outreach and the distribution of notices to comply, triggering actions by dischargers regulated by our Program. This Program is also responsible for implementing the state-wide Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Policy (OWTS Policy).

Resources



FY 18/19 Accomplishments

- 29 individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs) adopted
- 63 discharges enrolled under existing general orders or waivers
- 28 pre-permitting site inspections
- CARR Fire post-fire related projects in Redding
- Reviewed annual reports for each Local Agency Management Programs under the OWTS Policy
- Coordinated several meetings between multiple dischargers
- Reviewed multiple technical reports submitted by dischargers seeking to modify their discharges or that have upgraded their facilities
- Issued several monitoring and reporting programs and 13260/13267 letters requesting Reports of Waste Discharge to dischargers not currently being regulated

Priority Projects FY 19/20

- Incorporate CV-SALTS language into permits and address CV-SALTS requirements
- Continue Lean 6 Sigma implementation and tracking
- Develop new region-wide general orders to reduce backlog
 - Large domestic WWTF (Redding)
 - Nut drying and hulling (Sacramento)
 - Food processors (Fresno)
- Renew expiring waiver order R5-2015-0005 for small food processors and wineries
- GeoTracker deployment in the Program
- Provide input on state-wide general orders
 - Wineries
 - Aggregate mining