

Response to Comments

Comment Deadline: February 21, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

Tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2019-0002, City of El Centro, El Centro Wastewater Treatment Facility

Comment	Date	Commenter	Affiliation
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Changes proposed in response to comments made on 2/11/19 are incorporated into the tentative WDRs as revised on 2/11/19.

Comment #	Location in the WDRs	Comment	Response
1	VI. PROVISIONS, C. Special Provisions, 4. Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Specifications, a. Treatment Basins (Page 11,12)	“The City of El Centro is requesting the following section 4a Page 12 of Order R7-2019-0002 be removed. Our emergency standby basin have only been used when needed for effluent diversion during U.V. channel maintenance. This section also seems to apply to a pond system. We are an activated sludge system with concrete aeration basins.”	<p>In response to this comment, staff proposes to delete the following sentence, initially proposed in the tentative WDRs as released on 01/22/19:</p> <p>a. Treatment Basins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A minimum depth of freeboard of two (2) feet shall be maintained at all times in all treatment basins. ii. The treatment basins shall be managed to prevent breeding of mosquitoes, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An erosion control program should assure that small coves and irregularities are not created around the perimeter of the water surface. (b) Weeds shall be minimized through control of water depth, harvesting, or herbicides. (c) Dead algae, vegetation, and debris shall not accumulate on the water surface. iii. The treatment basins shall be maintained so they will be kept in aerobic conditions. iv. On-site wastes shall be strictly confined to the lands specifically designated for the disposal operation. v. Public contact with undisinfected wastewater shall be precluded through such means as fences, signs, and other acceptable alternatives. vi. Objectionable odors originating at this facility shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the wastewater treatment and disposal area. <p>This change is reflected in the 2/11/19 revision of the tentative WDRs.</p>