

## ATTACHMENT G

### STANDARD PROVISIONS, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTIFICATIONS FOR NPDES PERMITS

#### A. Standard Permit Provisions

Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 section 122.41 (40 CFR 122.41) includes conditions, or provisions, that apply to all National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Additional provisions applicable to NPDES permits are in 40 CFR 122.42. All applicable provisions in 40 CFR 122.41 and 40 CFR 122.42 shall be incorporated into this Order and NPDES permit. The applicable 40 CFR 122.41 and 40 CFR 122.42 provisions are as follows:

##### 1. Duty to Comply [CFR 122.41(a)]

The Permittees shall comply with all of the provisions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

- a. The Permittees shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the CWA for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the CWA within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement. [40 CFR 122.41(a)(1); California Water Code (Water Code) sections 13261, 13263, 13265, 13268, 13300, 13301, 13304, 13340, 13350, 13385]]
- b. The CWA provides that any person who violates Section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the CWA, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under Section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the CWA, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. The CWA provides that any person who negligently violates Section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under Section 402 of the CWA, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under Section

402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the CWA, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 1 (1) year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than two (2) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates Section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the CWA, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under of the CWA, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than fifteen (15) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) years, or both. An organization, as defined in Section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the CWA, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions. [40 CFR 122.41(a)(2)].

- c. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), or United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for violating Section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the CWA, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000. [40 CFR 122.41(a)(3)].

**2. Duty to Reapply [40 CFR 122.41(b)]**

If the Permittees wish to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee shall apply for and obtain a new permit.

**3. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not A Defense [40 CFR 122.41(c)]**

It shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

**4. Duty to Mitigate [40 CFR 122.41(d)]**

The Permittees shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

**5. Proper Operation and Maintenance [40 CFR 122.41(e)]**

The Permittees shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by a Permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

**6. Permit Actions [40 CFR 122.41(f)]**

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by a Permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

**7. Property Rights [40 CFR 122.41(g)]**

This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

**8. Duty to Provide Information [40 CFR 122.41(h)]**

Permittees shall furnish to the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA within a reasonable time, any information which the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

**9. Inspection and Entry [40 CFR 122.41(i)]**

The Permittees shall allow the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, USEPA, and/or their authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as their representative), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to [33 United States Code section 1318(a)(4)(B); 40 CFR 122.41(i); California Water Code sections 13267 and 13383]:

- a. Enter upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records shall be kept under the conditions of this permit; [40 CFR 122.41(i)(1)]
- b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that shall be kept under the conditions of this permit; [40 CFR 122.41(i)(2)]
- c. Inspect and photograph at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; [40 CFR 122.41(i)(3)] and
- d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA, any substances or parameters at any location. [40 CFR 122.41(i)(4)]

**10. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.41(j); 40 CFR 122.44(i)]**

- a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(1)]
- b. The Permittees shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation,

copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Lahontan Water Board at any time. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(2)]

- c. Records for monitoring information shall include: [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)]
  - i. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements; [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(i)]
  - ii. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements; [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(ii)]
  - iii. The date(s) analyses were performed; [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(iii)]
  - iv. The individual(s) who performed the analyses; [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(iv)]
  - v. The analytical techniques or methods used; [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(v)] and
  - vi. The results of such analyses. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)(vi)]
- d. Monitoring shall be conducted according to test procedures under 40 CFR Part 136 unless another method is required under 40 CFR Subchapters N or O. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(4)] In the case of pollutants for which there are no approved methods under 40 CFR Part 136 or otherwise required under 40 CFR Subchapters N and O, monitoring shall be conducted according to a test procedure specified in the permit for such pollutants. [40 CFR 122.44(i)(1)(iv)]
- e. The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four (4) years, or both. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(5)]

## **11. Signatory Requirement [40 CFR 122.41(k); 40 CFR 122.22(a)-(d)]**

- a. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Lahontan Board, State Water Board, or USEPA shall be signed and certified. (See 40 CFR 122.22) [40 CFR 122.41(k)(1)]
  - i. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency. [All applications shall be signed] [b]y either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. [40 CFR 122.22(a)(3)]
  - ii. All reports required by permits, and other information requested by the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA shall be signed by a person described in paragraph (a) of this section, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if: [40 CFR 122.22(b)]
    - (1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph (a) of this section; [40 CFR 122.22(b)(1)]
    - (2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.) [40 CFR 122.22(b)(2)] and,
    - (3) The written authorization is submitted to the Lahontan Water Board and State Water Board. [40 CFR 122.22(b)(3)].
  - iii. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under paragraph (b) of this section is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section shall be submitted to the Lahontan Water Board prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative. [40 CFR 122.22(c)]
  - iv. Certification. Any person signing a document under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.” [40 CFR 122.22(d)]

- b. The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months per violation, or by both. [40 CFR 122.41(k)(2)]

## **12. Reporting Requirements [40 CFR 122.41(l)]**

- a. Planned changes. The Permittee shall give notice to the Lahontan Water Board as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when: [40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)]
  - i. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); [40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)(i)] or
  - ii. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.42(a)(1). [40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)(ii)]
  - iii. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the Permittee’s sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)(iii)]

- b. Anticipated noncompliance. The Permittee shall give advance notice to the Lahontan Water Board of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(2)]
- c. Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Lahontan Water Board. The Lahontan Water Board may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the Permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the CWA. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(3)]
- d. Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)]
  - i. Monitoring results shall be reported as specified by the Lahontan Board or State Water Board for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)(i)]
  - ii. If the Permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 CFR Subchapters N or O, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted to the Lahontan Water Board or State Water Board.
  - iii. Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in the permit. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)(iii)]
- e. Compliance schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days following each schedule date. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(5)]
- f. Twenty-four hour reporting.
  - i. The Permittees shall report any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written



submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(6)(i)]

- ii. The Lahontan Water Board may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within twenty-four (24) hours. [40 CFR 122.41(l)(6)(iii)]
- g. Other noncompliance. The Permittees shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported in accordance with the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(l)(4), (5), and (6), at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6). [40 CFR 122.41(l)(7)]
- h. Other information. When the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Lahontan Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA, the Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.

### **13. Bypass [40 CFR 122.41(m)]**

- a. Definitions.
  - i. *Bypass* means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(i)] or
  - ii. *Severe property damage* means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(ii)]
- b. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The Permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3) and (4). [40 CFR 122.41(m)(2)]

- c. Notice.
  - i. Anticipated bypass. If the Permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit a notice, if possible at least ten (10) days before the date of the bypass. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(3)(i)] or
  - ii. Unanticipated bypass. The Permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass in accordance with the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6) (24-hour notice). [40 CFR 122.41(m)(3)(ii)]
- d. Prohibition of Bypass.
  - i. Bypass is prohibited, and the Lahontan Water Board may take enforcement action against a Permittee for bypass, unless: [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)]
    - (1) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage; [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(A)]
    - (2) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(B)] and,
    - (3) The Permittee submitted notices in accordance with the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3). [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(C)]
  - ii. The Lahontan Water Board may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Lahontan Water Board determines that it will meet the three (3) conditions listed above. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(ii)]

#### **14. Upset [40 CFR 122.41(n)]**

- a. Definition. *Upset* means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee. An upset does not include

noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. [40 CFR 122.41(n)(1)]

- b. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(n)(3) are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review. [40 CFR 122.41(n)(2)]
- c. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A Permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that: [40 CFR 122.41(n)(3)]
  - i. An upset occurred and that the Permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset; [40 CFR 122.41(n)(3)(i)]
  - ii. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; [40 CFR 122.41(n)(3)(ii)] and
  - iii. The Permittee submitted notice of the upset in accordance with the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B) (24-hour notice). [40 CFR 122.41(n)(3)(iii)]
  - iv. The Permittee complied with any remedial measures pursuant to the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(d). [40 CFR 122.41(n)(3)(iii)]
- d. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the Permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof. [40 CFR 122.41(n)(4)]

**15. Standard Permit Provisions For Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems [40 CFR 122.42(c)]**

The operator of a small, medium, or large MS4 or a municipal separate storm sewer that has been designated by the Lahontan Water Board under 40 CFR 122.26(a)(1)(v) shall submit an annual report by the anniversary of the date of the issuance of the permit for such system. The report shall include:

- a. The status of implementing the components of the Storm Water Management Program that are established as permit conditions; [40 CFR 122.42(c)(1)]
- b. Proposed changes to the Storm Water Management Program that are established as permit conditions. Such proposed changes shall be consistent with 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(iii); [40 CFR 122.42(c)(2)] and
- c. Revisions, if necessary, to the assessment of controls and the fiscal analysis reported in the permit application under 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(iv) and (v); [40 CFR 122.42(c)(3)]
- d. A summary of data, including monitoring data, that is accumulated throughout the reporting year; [40 CFR 122.42(c)(4)]
- e. Annual expenditures and budget for year following each annual report; [40 CFR 122.42(c)(5)]
- f. A summary describing the number and nature of enforcement actions, inspections, and public education programs; [40 CFR 122.42(c)(6)]
- g. Identification of water quality improvements or degradation. [40 CFR 122.42(c)(7)]

**16. Standard Permit Provisions For Storm Water Discharges [40 CFR 122.42(d)]**

The initial permits for discharges composed entirely of storm water issued pursuant to 40 CFR 122.26(e)(7) shall require compliance with the conditions of the permit as expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date of issuance of the permit.

**B. General Provisions**

In addition to the standard provisions required to be incorporated into the Order and NPDES permit pursuant to 40 CFR 122.22, 122.41, 122.42, 122.44, and 40 CFR Part 136 several other general provisions apply to this Order. The general provisions applicable to this Order and NPDES permit are as follows:

## **1. Discharge of Waste Is a Privilege**

No discharge of waste into the waters of the State, whether or not such discharge is made pursuant to waste discharge requirements, shall create a vested right to continue the discharge. All discharges of waste into waters of the State are privileges, not rights. [Water Code section 13263(g)]

## **2. Duration of Order and NPDES Permit**

- a. Effective date. This Order and NPDES permit becomes effective on 100 days after its adoption provided the USEPA has no objection. If the USEPA objects to its issuance, this Order shall not become effective until such objection is withdrawn.

As of the effective coverage date specified in the Permittee's application for coverage, this Order shall supersede the applicability of any preexisting order or permit regulating the operation of, and discharges from, the Permittee's MS4. The Lahontan Water Board retains continuing authority to take enforcement action for violations of such preexisting orders or permits that occurred prior to the Permittee's effective coverage date under this Order.

- b. Expiration. This Order and NPDES permit expires five (5) years after its effective date. [40 CFR 122.46(a)]
- c. Continuation of expired order. After this Order and NPDES permit expires, the terms and conditions of this Order and NPDES permit are automatically continued pending issuance of a new permit if all requirements of the federal NPDES regulations on the continuation of expired permits (40 CFR 122.6) are complied with.

## **3. Availability**

A copy of this Order shall be kept at a readily accessible location and shall be available to on-site personnel at all times.

## **4. Confidentiality of Information**

Except as provided for in 40 CFR 122.7, no information or documents submitted in accordance with or in application for this Order will be considered confidential and all such information and documents shall be available for review by the public at the Lahontan Water Board office. Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied: [40 CFR 122.7(b)]

- a. The name and address of any permit applicant or Permittee; [40 CFR 122.7(b)(1)] and
- b. Permit applications and attachments, permits, and effluent data. [40 CFR 122.7(b)(2)]

## **5. Effluent Limitations**

- a. Interim effluent limitations. The Permittee shall comply with any interim effluent limitations as established by addendum, enforcement action, or revised waste discharge requirements which have been, or may be, adopted by the Lahontan Water Board.
- b. Other effluent limitations and standards of sections 301, 302, 303, 307, 318 and 405 of CWA. If any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under Section 307(a) of the CWA for a toxic pollutant and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in the permit, the Lahontan Water Board shall institute proceedings under these regulations to modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition. [40 CFR 122.44(b)(1)]

## **6. Permit Actions**

The filing of a request by the Permittee for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of this Order, or a notification of planned change in or anticipated noncompliance with this Order does not stay any condition of this Order. (See 40 CFR 122.41(f)) In addition, the following provisions apply to this Order:

- a. Upon application by any affected person, or on its own motion, the Lahontan Water Board may review and revise the requirements in this Order. All requirements shall be reviewed periodically. [Water Code section 13263(e)]
- b. This Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to, all of the following: [Water Code section 13381]
  - i. Violation of any condition contained in the requirements of this Order. [Water Code section 13381(a)]
  - ii. Obtaining the requirements in this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts. [Water Code section 13381(b)]

iii. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.  
[Water Code section 13381(c)]

c. When this Order is transferred to a new owner or operator, such requirements as may be necessary under the Water Code can be incorporated into this Order.

## **7. Monitoring**

In addition to the standard provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41(j) and (l)(4), the following general monitoring provisions apply to this Order:

- a. Where procedures are not otherwise specified in Order, sampling, analysis and quality assurance/quality control shall be conducted in accordance with the Quality Assurance Management Plan (QAMP) for the State of California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- b. Pursuant to 40 CFR 122.41(j)(2) and Water Code section 13383(a), the Permittees shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Lahontan Water Board at any time.
- c. All chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Public Health or a laboratory approved by Lahontan Water Board staff.
- d. Each monitoring report submitted with an Annual Report to the Lahontan Water Board shall include flow measurements for each sampling event and a spreadsheet of water quality monitoring with the sampling event identifier, site code, sample type, date and time sampled, analyte and fraction, methods, results, including nondetections, reporting and minimum detection limits, units, laboratory names and locations, lowest water quality objective and source, and whether or not the result was an exceedance.

## **8. Enforcement**

- a. The Lahontan Water Board is authorized to enforce the terms of this Order under several provisions of the Water Code, including, but not limited to, Water Code sections 13385, 13386, and 13387.
- b. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to protect the Permittee from its liabilities under federal, state, or local laws.
- c. The Water Code provides for civil and criminal penalties comparable to, and in some cases greater than, those provided for under the CWA.
- d. Except as provided in the standard conditions required under 40 CFR 122.41(m) and (n), nothing in this Order shall be construed to relieve the Permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.
- e. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the Permittee is or may be subject to under Section 311 of the CWA.
- f. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the CWA.

## **9. Severability**

The provisions of this Order are severable, and if any provision of this Order, or the application of any provisions of this Order to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this Order shall not be affected thereby.

## **10. Applications**

Any application submitted by the Permittee for reissuance or modification of this Order shall satisfy all applicable requirements specified in federal regulations as well as any additional requirements for submittal of a Notice of Intent specified in the Water Code and the California Code of Regulations.



## **11. Implementation**

All plans, reports and subsequent amendments submitted in compliance with this Order shall be implemented immediately (or as otherwise specified). All submittals by the Permittee shall be adequate to implement the requirements of this Order.

## **12. Modification of Order**

This Order may be modified, revoked, and reissued, or terminated for cause due to promulgation of amended regulations, receipt of USEPA guidance concerning regulated activities, judicial decision, or in accordance with 40 CFR 122.62, 122.63, 122.64, and 124.5. The Lahontan Water Board may additionally reopen and modify this Order at any time prior to its expiration, after opportunity for public comment and a public hearing in accordance with the following circumstances:

- a. If the Lahontan Water Board determines that revisions are warranted to those provisions of the Order (a) addressing compliance with water quality objectives or water quality standards in the receiving water; and/or (b) those provisions of the Order establishing an iterative process for implementation of management practices to assure compliance with water quality standards in the receiving waters.
- b. Minor modifications to the Order may be made by the Lahontan Water Board where the proposed modification complies with all the prohibitions and limitations, and other requirements of this Order.
- c. Proposed modifications to the Order that are not minor require amendment of this Order in accordance with this Order's rules, policies, and procedures.
- d. New or revised water quality objectives come into effect, or any TMDL is adopted or revised (i.e., TMDL-specific permit requirements) that is applicable to the Permittee. E
- e. New programs, policies or plans come into effect that are applicable to the Permittee.

## **13. Report Submittals**

- a. All report submittals shall include an executive summary, introduction, conclusion, recommendations, and signed certified statement.

- b. Each Permittee shall submit a signed certified statement covering its responsibilities for each applicable submittal.
- c. The Permittee shall submit a signed certified statement covering its responsibilities for each applicable submittal and the sections of the submittals for which it is responsible.
- d. Unless otherwise directed, the Permittee shall submit electronic copies of each report required under this Order to the Lahontan Water Board,
- e. The Permittee shall submit reports and provide notifications as required by this Order to the following:

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