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NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

Annual Waste Discharge Permit Fees

Amendments to Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations

Required Notice of Proposed Emergency Action

Government Code section 11346.1, subdivision (a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of a proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a notice of the proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency, OAL shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code section 11349.6.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) sent out to interested parties via electronic mail on September 10, 2019 the proposed changes to Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Article 1, Sections 2200, 2200.6, and 2200.7 of the California Code of Regulations. This notification satisfies the notification requirements of Government Code section 11346.1(a)(2).

Proposed Emergency Action

Water Code section 13260(f) requires the State Water Board to adopt emergency regulations revising and establishing fees to be deposited in the Waste Discharge Permit Fund in the State Treasury. Water Code section 13260(f)(1) requires the State Water Board to adjust the fee schedule each fiscal year to conform to the revenue levels set forth in the annual Budget Act. At its September 18, 2019 meeting, the State Water Board adopted emergency regulations that adjust waste discharge permit fees to conform to the revenue levels set forth in the Budget Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20.

Proposed Text of Emergency Regulations

The proposed text of the emergency regulations is attached. The State Water Board is not required to provide any additional public notice prior to adopting revisions to the proposed emergency regulations.

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Finding of Emergency (Gov. Code, § 11346.1, subd. (b))

The State Water Board has a mandatory legal duty to adopt emergency regulations revising the fees as necessary each fiscal year pursuant to Water Code section 13260(f). Water Code section 13260(f)(2) states that “[t]he adoption of these regulations is an emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare. Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, any emergency regulations . . . shall remain in effect until revised by the State Water Board.”

Authority and Reference (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(2))

Water Code section 13260(f).

Informative Digest (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(3))

Under Water Code section 13260(d)(1)(A), any person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste, that could affect the quality of the waters of the state must pay an annual fee in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by the State Water Board.

The proposed emergency regulations will change fees for waste discharge permit holders for FY 2019-20 as follows:

Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR)

Increase fees by an average 14.8 percent increase to all WDR fee categories. All applicable surcharges will remain unchanged for FY 2019-20.

Water Quality Certification (WQC)

For fee payers not associated with Public Utilities Code (PUC), Division 4.1, Chapter 6, \$2.5 million in revenue is needed which translates to an overall 19.0 percent increase for applicable WQC fee categories. The Fill & Excavation annual fee will be maintained at the FY 2018-19 level and to compensate, the project fee impact area per acre multiplier will increase by 19.9 percent.

For fee payers associated with PUC, Division 4.1, Chapter 6, implement a new annual fee of \$43.00 per mile of overhead electrical lines identified as high risk or high threat in the wildfire mitigation plan that would cover all dredge or fill activities conducted pursuant to a wildfire mitigation plan, and is in lieu of the project-specific fees in section 2200(a)(3)(A)-(G) for those dredge or fill activities conducted pursuant to a wildfire mitigation plan.

Storm Water

Amend section 2200(b)(1)(A) of the fee schedule to clarify that special districts located within a city or county that does not oversee storm water compliance for the district are required to pay the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) fee.

NPDES (not including Storm Water)

Increase fees by an average 13.4 percent to all NPDES fee categories. All applicable surcharges will remain unchanged for FY 2019-20.

- **California Water Code Section 13142.5(b) Consistency Determination for Seawater Desalination Facilities**

Implement a new application fee to be assessed annually once a draft report of waste discharge is submitted until the permit is issued or another determination is made, with a maximum annual fee of \$200,000.

| Fee Basis | Annual Fee | Proposed Intake Volume Multiplier |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Subsurface Only | \$62,500 | \$1,007 per mgd |
| Surface, Combined Surface and Subsurface, or Alternative Intake Technologies | \$187,500 | \$1,007 per mgd |

Confined Animal Facilities (CAF)

Increase fees by an average 9.5 percent increase to all CAF fee payers.

- Amend section 2200(c) of the fee schedule by removing the text “(not at a dairy)” from the Feedlots table.
- Change the two lowest tiers in the Feedlot-Heifers fee schedule as follows: lowest tier will change from 0-99 to 0-136 and the next tier up will change from 100-299 to 137-299.

Agricultural (Ag) Lands

Increase fees by an average 11.7 percent. Modify the current fee structure from a flat per acre fee to per acre fee based on the discharger’s defined agricultural activity as shown below, to reflect the staff time savings associated with Tier B dischargers not being required to submit an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plans (INMP).

Option 3 – Agricultural Activities

| Agricultural Activity | Group Enrollment: Per Acre Fee | Individual Enrollment: New Per Acre Fee Structure |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Tier A | \$1.08 | \$27.00 per acre up to 300 acres plus \$13.50 per acre over 300 acres with a minimum fee of \$550 |
| Tier B | \$0.87 | \$21.60 per acre up to 300 acres plus \$10.80 per acre over 300 acres with a minimum fee of \$550 |

Definitions:

Tier A – All agricultural activities except those identified in Agricultural Activity Tier B.

Tier B - Discharger or group of dischargers whose agricultural activities are managed wetlands, irrigated pastures with no external nitrogen input, those belonging to the California Rice Commission third party group, or are determined by the Regional Water Board or the Executive Officer to be exempt from the precedential requirement to develop an INMP (per State Water Board Order No. WQ 2018-0002, In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group).

Cannabis

Remove section 2200.7(a) as those fees apply only to dischargers under a regional board order and all dischargers were required to enroll in the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation by July 1, 2019.

Programs with No Proposed Fee Increases

The Land Disposal and Storm Water programs are projected to generate sufficient revenue to meet budgeted expenditures. Therefore, no fee increases will be required for FY 2019-20 for these programs.

There is no comparable federal statute or regulation.

Other Matters Prescribed by Statute (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(4))

No other matters are prescribed by statute or regulation applicable to the State Water Board.

Local Mandate (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(5))

The proposed emergency regulations do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts because they do not mandate a new program or a higher level of service of an existing program. The fee schedule applies equally to public and private entities and is not unique to local government. No state reimbursement is required by part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 of the Government Code.

Estimate of Cost or Savings (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(6))

Under the proposed emergency regulations for this fiscal year, most local and state agencies will pay increased fees over last year. The amended fee schedule will result in a total estimated increase to state agencies of approximately \$215,107. There is no cost to any local agency or school district for which reimbursement is required or other nondiscretionary cost of savings imposed on local agencies. There is no cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

September 25, 2019
Date

Original signed by
Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 23. Division 3. Chapter 9. Waste Discharge Reports and Requirements
Article 1. Fees

Section 2200. Annual Fee Schedules.

Each person for whom waste discharge requirements have been prescribed pursuant to Section 13263 of the Water Code shall submit, to the state board, an annual fee in accordance with the following schedules. The fee shall be submitted for each waste discharge requirement order issued to that person.¹

(a) The annual fees for persons issued waste discharge requirements (WDRs), except as provided in subdivisions (a)(3), (b), and (c), shall be based on the discharge's threat to water quality (TTWQ) and complexity (CPLX) rating according to the following fee schedule, plus applicable surcharge(s).

| ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Threat to Water Quality (TTWQ) | Complexity (CPLX) | Type of Discharge | | |
| | | Discharge to Land or Surface Waters² | Land Disposal³ | |
| | | | Not Paying a Tipping Fee⁴ | Paying a Tipping Fee⁵ |
| 1 | A | \$119,459 | \$70,781 | \$59,252 |
| 1 | B | \$75,447 | \$57,168 | \$47,856 |
| 1 | C | \$40,710 | \$36,751 | \$30,766 |
| 2 | A | \$27,192 | \$30,625 | \$25,638 |
| 2 | B | \$16,347 | \$24,502 | \$20,510 |
| 2 | C | \$12,259 | \$18,376 | \$15,383 |
| 3 | A | \$9,661 | \$12,250 | \$10,256 |
| 3 | B | \$5,145 | \$9,188 | \$7,690 |
| 3 | C | \$2,286 | \$4,082 | \$3,419 |

¹ Federal facilities will generally not be invoiced for the portion of the annual fee that is attributable to the state board's ambient water monitoring programs. See *Massachusetts v. United States* (1978) 435 U.S. 444.

| <u>Threat to Water Quality (TTWQ)</u> | <u>Complexity (CPLX)</u> | <u>Discharge to Land or Surface Waters²</u> | <u>Land Disposal³ – Not Paying a Tipping Fee⁴</u> | <u>Land Disposal³ – Paying a Tipping Fee⁵</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| <u>1</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>\$137,139</u> | <u>\$70,781⁶</u> | <u>\$59,252⁶</u> |
| <u>1</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>\$86,613</u> | <u>\$57,168</u> | <u>\$47,856</u> |
| <u>1</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>\$46,735</u> | <u>\$36,751</u> | <u>\$30,766</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>\$31,217</u> | <u>\$30,625</u> | <u>\$25,638</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>\$18,767</u> | <u>\$24,502</u> | <u>\$20,510</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>\$14,073</u> | <u>\$18,376</u> | <u>\$15,383</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>\$11,091</u> | <u>\$12,250</u> | <u>\$10,256</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>\$5,907</u> | <u>\$9,188</u> | <u>\$7,690</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>\$2,625</u> | <u>\$4,082</u> | <u>\$3,419</u> |

² For this table, discharges to land or surface waters are those discharges of waste to land or surface waters not covered by NPDES permits that are regulated pursuant to Water Code Section 13263 that do not implement the requirements of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Examples include, but are not limited to, wastewater treatment plants, erosion control projects, and septic tank systems. It does not include discharge of dredge or fill material, discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands, or discharge from animal feeding operations.

Dischargers covered by a WDR for municipal and domestic discharges with permitted flows of less than 50,000 gallons per day in categories 2-B, 2-C, 3-B and 3-C will receive a 50 percent fee discount. The design flow shall be used where no permitted flow is present. Municipal and domestic discharges receiving the discount are defined as discharges from facilities that treat domestic wastewater or a mixture of wastewater that is predominately domestic wastewater. Domestic wastewater consists of wastes from bathroom toilets, showers, and sinks from residential kitchens and residential clothes washing. It does not include discharges from food preparation and dish washing in restaurants or from commercial laundromats. Dischargers covered by a Landscape Irrigation General Permit issued by the state board will be assessed a fee associated with TTWQ/CPLX rating of 3B.

³ For this table, land disposal discharges are those discharges of waste to land that are regulated pursuant to Water Code Section 13263 that implement the requirements of CCR Title 27, Division 2, except Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, §22560-22565 (confined animal facilities). Examples include, but are not limited to, discharges associated with active and closed landfills, waste piles, surface impoundments, and mines.

⁴ For this table, Not Paying a Tipping Fee are those land disposal dischargers not subject to Public Resources Code (PRC) § 48000 et seq.

⁵ For this table, Paying a Tipping Fee are those land disposal dischargers subject to PRC § 48000 et seq.

⁶ A surcharge of \$12,000 will be added for Class I landfills. Class I landfills are those that, during the time they are, or were, in operation, are so classified by the regional board under 23 CCR Chapter 15, have WDRs that allow (or, for closed units, allowed) them to receive hazardous waste, and have a permit issued by the Department of Toxic Substances Control under 22 CCR Chapter 10, § 66270.1 et seq.

Oil and gas produced water storage and disposal facilities regulated by waste discharge requirements are subject to a surcharge per barrels of waste water discharged in the prior 12 months according to the following schedule:

| TTWQ & CPLX Rating | Surcharge per Barrels of Waste Water Discharged in the Prior 12 Months | | |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | No Barrels | 1 to 999,999 Barrels | 1,000,000 or more Barrels |
| 1A | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$50,000 |
| 1B | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$50,000 |
| 1C | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$50,000 |
| 2A | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$40,000 |
| 2B | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$30,000 |
| 2C | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$10,000 |
| 3A | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$4,000 |
| 3B | \$600 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| 3C | \$600 | \$600 | \$600 |

| <u>TTWQ & CPLX Rating</u> | <u>No Barrels</u> | <u>1 to 999,999 Barrels</u> | <u>1,000,000 or more Barrels</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>1A</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |
| <u>1B</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |
| <u>1C</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |
| <u>2A</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$40,000</u> |
| <u>2B</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$30,000</u> |
| <u>2C</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| <u>3A</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$4,000</u> |
| <u>3B</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$1,000</u> | <u>\$2,000</u> |
| <u>3C</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$600</u> | <u>\$600</u> |

(1) Threat to water quality (TTWQ)⁷ and complexity (CPLX) of the discharge is assigned by the regional board in accordance with the following definitions:

THREAT TO WATER QUALITY

Category “1” – Those discharges of waste that could cause the long-term loss of a designated beneficial use of the receiving water. Examples of long-term loss of a beneficial use include the loss of drinking water supply, the closure of an area used

⁷ In assigning a category for TTWQ, a regional board should consider duration, frequency, seasonality, and other factors that might limit the impact of the discharge.

for water contact recreation, or the posting of an area used for spawning or growth of aquatic resources, including shellfish and migratory fish.

Category “2” – Those discharges of waste that could impair the designated beneficial uses of the receiving water, cause short-term violations of water quality objectives, cause secondary drinking water standards to be violated, or cause a nuisance.

Category “3” – Those discharges of waste that could degrade water quality without violating water quality objectives, or could cause a minor impairment of designated beneficial uses as compared with Category 1 and Category 2.

COMPLEXITY

Category “A” – Any discharge of toxic wastes; any small volume discharge containing toxic waste; any facility having numerous discharge points and groundwater monitoring; or any Class 1 waste management unit.

Category “B” – Any discharger not included in Category A that has physical, chemical, or biological treatment systems (except for septic systems with subsurface disposal), or any Class 2 or Class 3 waste management units.

Category “C” – Any discharger for which waste discharge requirements have been prescribed pursuant to Section 13263 of the Water Code not included in Category A or Category B as described above. Included are dischargers having no waste treatment systems or that must comply with best management practices, dischargers having passive treatment and disposal systems, or dischargers having waste storage systems with land disposal.

(2) For dischargers covered under Statewide General WDRs for Sanitary Sewer Systems, the TTWQ and CPLX designations are assigned based on the population served by the sanitary sewer system. The table below describes the correlation between population served and TTWQ and CPLX designations to determine the appropriate annual fee:

| Population Served⁸ | Threat and Complexity Designation |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Less than 50,000 | 3C |
| 50,000 or more | 2C |

⁸ Assumes 2.5 persons per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).

(3) The fees for discharges of dredge and fill material shall be as follows.⁹

| STANDARD FEE¹⁰ | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Standard Fee¹⁰ Discharge Category | Application Fee¹¹ | Project Fee | Annual Fee¹² |
| (A) Fill and Excavation¹³ Discharges Discharge area expressed in acres rounded to two decimal places (0.01 acre) | <u>\$1,6381,949</u> | Impact area in acres x \$14,489 <u>17,372</u> , minus application fee, up to a maximum of \$142,100 <u>169,099</u> (if balance equals less than the application fee, | \$1,638 |

⁹ Fees shall be based on the sum of temporary and permanent impact amounts to be authorized by the order. Impacts include both the excavation and fill area and the dredging area. If water quality certification is issued in conjunction with dredge or fill WDRs or issued for a discharge regulated under preexisting WDRs for the same project, the project will be assessed a single fee derived from this dredge and fill fee schedule. Discharges requiring certification and regulated under a federal permit or license other than a US Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404 permit or a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission License shall be assessed a fee determined from Section 2200(a).

¹⁰ Fees shall be based on the sum of project impacts. Projects that include both category (A) and category (B) discharges shall be subject to the category (A) application and project fees. A single annual fee shall be assessed based on the higher of the applicable annual fee categories.

¹¹ Dischargers shall pay a one-time application fee for each project at the time that the application or report of waste discharge is submitted.

¹² Consistent with Section 2200.2, the sum of the application fee and the project fee shall serve as the first annual fee. If the submittal of this first annual fee does not coincide with the current fiscal year billing cycle, then the next, and only the next, fiscal year billing shall be adjusted to account for the payment of the application fee. The annual fee for category (B) dredging discharges will be calculated using the annual dredge volume authorized in the applicable Order.

¹³ "Excavation" refers to removing sediment or soil in shallow waters or under no-flow conditions, typically for purposes other than navigation. Examples include, but are not limited to, trenching for utility lines; other earthwork preliminary to discharge; removing sediment to increase channel capacity; and other flood control and drainage maintenance activities (e.g., debris removal, vegetation management and removal, detention basin maintenance and erosion control of slopes along open channels and other drainage facilities).

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| | | no project fee is required). | |
| (B) Dredging¹⁴ Discharges (except Sand Mining-see (C) below) Dredge volume expressed in cubic yards. | <u>\$1,6381,949</u> | N/A | Annual dredge volume in cubic yards x \$0.3580.426 , up to a project maximum of \$142,100169,099 . The minimum annual fee is <u>\$1,6381,949</u> . |
| SPECIAL/FLAT FEE¹⁵ | | | |
| <u>Special/Flat Fee¹⁵</u> Discharge Category | | Application Fee¹¹ | Annual Fee |
| (C) Sand Mining Dredging Discharges Aggregate extraction in marine waters where source material is free of pollutants and the dredging operation will not violate any basin plan provisions. | | <u>\$1,6381,949</u> | <u>\$819975</u> |
| (D) Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects Projects undertaken for the primary purpose of restoring or enhancing the beneficial uses of water. This schedule does not apply to projects required under a regulatory mandate or to projects that are not primarily intended for ecological restoration or enhancement, e.g., land development. This category does not include mitigation banking or in-lieu fee programs, or projects implemented in response to an enforcement action. | | <u>\$437520</u> | <u>\$218260</u> |
| (E) Low Impact Discharges Projects may be classified as low impact discharges if the project meets all of the following criteria: | | <u>\$1,6381,949</u> | <u>\$218260</u> |

¹⁴ “Dredging” refers to removing sediment or aquatic vegetation, typically in deeper water for navigation purposes. For fee purposes, this fee category includes aggregate extraction within stream channels, where the substrate is composed of coarse sediment (e.g., gravel) and is replenished by normal winter flows (e.g., point bars).

¹⁵ To qualify for a special/flat fee category, the whole of a project must meet the fee category description (i.e., all project discharges are limited to those defined by the fee category).

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| <p>1. The discharge size is less than all of the following: (a) for fill, 0.1 acre, and 300 linear feet, and (b) for dredging, 25 cubic yards.</p> <p>2. The discharger demonstrates that: (a) all practicable measures will be taken to avoid impacts; (b) where unavoidable temporary impacts take place, waters and vegetation will be restored to pre-project conditions as quickly as practicable; and (c) where unavoidable permanent impacts take place, there will be no net loss of wetland, riparian area, or headwater functions, including onsite habitat, habitat connectivity, floodwater retention, and pollutant removal.</p> <p>3. The discharge will not do any of the following: (a) directly or indirectly destabilize a bed of a receiving water; (b) contribute to significant cumulative effects; (c) cause pollution, contamination, or nuisance; (d) adversely affect candidate, threatened, or endangered species; (e) degrade water quality or beneficial uses; (f) be toxic; or (g) include “hazardous” or “designated” material.</p> | | |
| <p>(F) Emergency Projects Authorized by a Water Board General Order</p> | <p>\$1,638<u>1,949</u></p> | <p>\$218<u>260</u></p> |
| <p>(G) Amended Orders¹⁶ Amendments of WDRs or water quality certifications previously issued.</p> <p>(1) All category (D) Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Projects, regardless of amendment type.</p> <p>(2) Administrative amendments including, but not limited to, ownership changes, typographic edits, or time extensions that do not result in a temporal loss of resource function. Amendments in this category require no technical analysis or additional compensatory mitigation.</p> <p>(3) Amendment results in change(s) in impact character, location, or volume of the discharge; or a time extension that results in a temporal loss of resource function, according to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment increases the active certification’s impact quantity by less than 50 percent, and | <p>(1) No fee required</p> <p>(2) No fee required</p> <p>(3) Additional standard fee assessed per increased amount of discharge(s). The minimum fee</p> | <p>Annual fee applicable per discharge category</p> |

¹⁶ Dischargers that have met the project fee cap will be assessed the minimum fee for each amendment of previously-issued WDR or water quality certification.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment does not require a change to the mitigated aquatic resource type. <p>(4) Amendment requires a supplemental CEQA analysis, or Amendment results in change(s) in impact character, location, or volume of the discharge, or a time extension that results in a temporal loss of resource function, according to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment increases the active certification's impact quantity by more than 50 percent, or • Amendment requires a change to the mitigated aquatic resource type. | <p>is <u>\$1,6381,949.</u></p> <p>(4) New standard fee assessed per new project discharge total. The minimum fee is <u>\$1,6381,949.</u></p> | |
| <p><u>(H) Wildfire Mitigation by Electrical Corporations, Electric Utilities, and Electrical Cooperatives</u> <u>Dredge or fill activities conducted by electrical corporations, electric utilities, and electrical cooperatives pursuant to a wildfire mitigation plan prepared in accordance with Public Utilities Code, section 8386(b) or section 8387(b)(1). This annual fee covers all dredge or fill activities conducted by the electrical corporations, electric utilities, and electrical cooperatives pursuant to a wildfire mitigation plan, and is in lieu of the project-specific dredge or fill fees in section 2200(a)(3)(A)-(G) for dredge or fill activities conducted pursuant to a wildfire mitigation plan.</u></p> | <p><u>N/A</u></p> | <p><u>\$43.00 per mile of overhead electrical lines identified as high risk or high threat in the wildfire mitigation plan.</u></p> |

(b) The annual fees for persons issued NPDES permits shall be based on the following schedules, plus any applicable surcharge(s).

(1)(A) Each public entity that owns and/or operates a storm water conveyance system, or part of such a system, that is subject to a NPDES permit for storm water dischargers from a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) shall pay an annual fee according to the following schedule. The fee shall be based on the population of the public entity according to the most recently published United States Census. For public entities other than cities or counties (Non-Traditional Small MS4s¹⁷), shall pay an annual fee according to the following schedule, based on the average daily population¹⁸ using the entities' facilities, unless otherwise provided in the schedule. Flood control districts or other special districts named as co-permittees to MS4 permits and school districts, serving students between kindergarten and fourteenth grade, shall not pay an annual fee if the city or county within whose jurisdiction the district lies, oversees the district's storm water compliance and pays an annual fee.

ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR AREAWIDE MUNICIPAL STORM WATER SEWER SYSTEM PERMITS AND CO-PERMITTEES

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|---|-----------|
| Population equal to or greater than 250,000 | \$56,921 |
| Population between 200,000 and 249,999 | \$49,805 |
| Population between 150,000 and 199,999 | \$42,974 |
| Population between 100,000 and 149,999 | \$35,577 |
| Population between 75,000 and 99,999 | \$28,461 |
| Population between 50,000 and 74,999 | \$21,344 |
| Population between 25,000 and 49,999 | \$14,230 |
| Population between 10,000 and 24,999 | \$8,539 |
| Population between 1,000 and 9,999 | \$5,692 |
| Less than 1,000 population | \$2,847 |
| Statewide Permit Holders | \$227,682 |
| High Speed Rail Authority | \$133,500 |

(B) Dischargers applying for the Small MS4 Waiver of a General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Small Municipal Activity issued by the state board shall pay an application fee of \$200.

(2) Any entity or entities submitting a watershed improvement plan to the regional board for review pursuant to Section 16102 of the Water Code shall reimburse the regional

¹⁷ Non-Traditional Small MS4s are facilities that have systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in municipalities, such as systems at military bases, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares. (40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(16)(iii)).

¹⁸ Total daily population must include resident and commuter populations. For community services districts public entities other than cities or counties, total daily population must include resident population and non-residents regularly employed in the areas served by the district public entity.

board for its costs¹⁹ to review and oversee the implementation of the plan, which shall be calculated using a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

(3) Facilities that discharge storm water associated with industrial activities that are regulated by a state board or regional board general NPDES storm water permit shall pay an annual fee of \$1,400. An amount equal to the fee prescribed shall be submitted with the discharger's Notice of Intent (NOI) to be regulated under a general NPDES permit and will serve as the first annual fee. For the purposes of this section, an NOI is considered to be a report of waste discharge.

(4)(A) Storm water discharges associated with construction activities that are regulated by a general NPDES storm water permit other than those covered under (b)(5), including those issued by a regional board, shall pay an annual fee of \$400 plus \$42 per acre (rounded to the nearest whole acre and dollar amount), to a maximum fee of \$6,700, based on the total acreage to be disturbed during the life of the project as listed on the NOI. An amount equal to the fee prescribed shall be submitted with the discharger's NOI to be regulated under a general NPDES permit and will serve as the first annual fee. For the purposes of this section, an NOI is considered to be a report of waste discharge.

(B) Dischargers applying for the Small Construction Rainfall Erosivity Waiver of a General Permit to Discharge Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity issued by the state board shall pay an application fee of \$200.

¹⁹ These costs include labor, state board and regional board administrative costs, and overhead costs.

(b) The annual fees for persons issued NPDES permits shall be based on the following schedules, plus any applicable surcharge(s).

(5) Discharges associated with mosquito and vector control activities²⁰ that are regulated by an individual or general NPDES permit adopted specifically for these purposes, including those issued by a regional board, shall pay a fee of \$250. Dischargers filing an application for a mosquito and vector control permit shall pay a fee of \$250. The fee shall be paid each time an application for initial certification or renewal of certification is submitted. Mosquito and vector control fees are not subject to ambient water monitoring surcharges.

(6) Planned and emergency discharges from community water systems that are regulated by a general NPDES permit adopted specifically for this purpose shall pay an application fee and subsequent annual fees (if applicable) based on the number of service connections for the public water system in accordance with the following schedule. The application fee shall be submitted with the discharger's NOI to be regulated by the general NPDES permit. For purposes of this section, an NOI is considered to be a report of waste discharge.

Dischargers with a Single System

| Service Connections | Application Fee | Annual Fee |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 15 – 999 | \$ <u>110,125</u> | No Annual Fee |
| 1,000 – 9,999 | \$ <u>550,624</u> | \$ <u>550,624</u> |
| 10,000+ | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> |
| Transmission System or Water Wholesaler | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> |

²⁰ A mosquito and vector control activity involves discharge of pesticides into a designated area for the maintenance and control of mosquito larva for the protection of public health from the outbreak of lethal diseases. A mosquito and vector control agency discharges pesticides into surface waters for the control of mosquito larva.

Dischargers with Multiple Systems

| Total Number of Service Connections | Application Fee | Annual Fee²¹ |
|--|------------------------|--|
| 15 – 999 | \$ <u>110,125</u> | No Annual Fee |
| 1,000 – 9,999 | \$ <u>550,624</u> | \$ <u>550,624</u> per Primary System fee plus \$ <u>110,125</u> per Secondary System |
| 10,000+ | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> per Primary System fee plus \$ <u>110,125</u> per Secondary System |
| Transmission System or Water Wholesaler System | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> | \$ <u>2,268,572</u> per Primary System fee plus \$ <u>110,125</u> per Secondary System |

(7) Seawater desalination facilities that have submitted a request for a determination of consistency with California Water Code section 13142.5(b) are subject to an annual fee according to the following fee schedule until a determination is made, with a maximum annual fee of \$200,000:

| <u>Fee Basis²²</u> | <u>Base Fee</u> | <u>Proposed Intake Volume Multiplier</u> |
|---|------------------------|---|
| <u>Subsurface Only</u> | \$ <u>60,000</u> | \$ <u>1,007</u> per mgd |
| <u>Surface, Combined Surface and Subsurface, or Alternative Intake Technology</u> | \$ <u>120,000</u> | \$ <u>1,007</u> per mgd |

(78) Discharges from public wastewater treatment facilities that are regulated by a general NPDES permit adopted specifically for this purpose and all other NPDES permitted discharges, except as provided in (b)(89), (b)(910), and (c), shall pay a fee according to the following formula:

Fee equals \$2,268,572 plus 4,0114,548 multiplied by the permitted flow, in mgd, with a maximum fee of \$567,091643,081 plus any applicable surcharge(s).

²¹ All Transmission Systems and Water Wholesaler Systems are Primary Systems. If the Discharger does not have a Transmission System or a Water Wholesaler System, the Discharger's individual water system with the highest number of service connections will be designated as the Primary System. All systems that are not Primary Systems are designated as Secondary Systems.

²² Fee shall be based on the intake type as defined in the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California Chapter III.M.2.d.(1)(a).

If there is no permitted effluent flow specified, the fee shall be based on the design flow of the facility.

NPDES permitted industrial discharges²²²³ with a threat/complexity²³²⁴ rating of 1A, 1B, or 1C are subject to a surcharge as follows:

Threat/Complexity Rating 1A - \$15,000

Threat/Complexity Rating 1B - \$10,000

Threat/Complexity Rating 1C - \$5,000

Public wastewater treatment facilities with approved pretreatment programs are subject to a surcharge of \$10,000. Agencies with multiple facilities under one approved pretreatment program shall pay a \$10,000 surcharge per program.

(89)(A) Flow for wet weather municipal facilities²⁴²⁵ will be based on the previous five years' actual monthly average flow²⁵²⁶, as of the date the permit is issued.

(B) Notwithstanding (89)(A), the minimum annual fee for wet weather municipal facilities shall be \$20,000.

²²²³ NPDES permitted industrial discharger(s) means those industries identified in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, Bureau of Budget, 1967, as amended and supplemented, under the category "Division D-Manufacturing" and such other classes of significant waste producers as, by regulation, the U.S. EPA Administrator deems appropriate. (33 USC Sec. 1362).

²³²⁴ Threat/complexity categories are listed under (a)(1) of this document.

²⁴²⁵ Wet weather municipal facilities are intermittently operated facilities that are designated specifically to handle flows during wet weather conditions.

²⁵²⁶ The actual monthly average flow is defined as the average of the flows during each of the months that the discharge occurred during the previous five-year period.

(910) All other general NPDES permits and de minimis discharges²⁷ that are regulated by an individual or general NPDES permit, including those issued by a regional board, shall pay a fee as follows:

Category 1 – Discharges that require treatment systems to meet priority toxic pollutant limits and that could impair beneficial uses if limits are violated: \$13,065,815

Category 2 – Discharges that require treatment systems to meet non-priority pollutant limits, but are not expected to impair beneficial uses if limits are violated. Examples of non-priority pollutants include, but are not limited to, nutrients, inorganic compounds, pH, and temperature: \$7,895,953

Category 3 – Discharges that require minimal or no treatment systems to meet limits and pose no significant threat to water quality: \$2,268,572

²⁶²⁷ De minimis discharge activities include, but are not limited to, the following: aquaculture activities (as defined in Chapter 40, Section 122.25(b) of the Code of Federal Regulations) defined as managed water areas that use discharges of pollutants into that designated area for maintenance or reproduction of harvestable freshwater, estuarine, or marine plants or animals including fish hatcheries; geothermal facilities that utilize, extract, or produce energy from geothermal fluids for heating, generating power, or other beneficial uses, and discharge geothermal fluids to surface waters; aquatic pesticide applications; evaporative condensate; swimming and landscape pool drainage; discharges from fire hydrant testing or flushing; discharges resulting from construction dewatering; discharges associated with supply well installation, development, test pumping, and purging; discharges resulting from the maintenance of uncontaminated water supply wells, pipelines, tanks, etc.; discharges resulting from hydrostatic testing of water supply vessels, pipelines, tanks, etc.; discharges resulting from the disinfection of water supply pipelines, tanks, reservoirs, etc.; discharges from water supply systems resulting from system failures, pressure releases, etc.; discharges of non-contact cooling water, not including steam/electric power plants; discharges resulting from diverted stream flows; water treatment plant discharges; and other similar types of wastes that have low pollutant concentrations and are not likely to cause or have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an adverse impact on the beneficial uses of receiving waters yet technically must be regulated under an NPDES permit.

(c) The annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from confined animal facilities shall be based on the following schedules. If a facility contains animals that fit multiple fee categories, the fee will be based on the number of animals in the category that results in the highest fee.

| FEEDLOTS (not at a dairy) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Type of Facility | |
| Number of Animals | Fee |
| Cattle or Cow/Calf Pairs | |
| 100,000 or more | \$10,553 |
| 10,000 to 99,999 | \$5,276 |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | \$2,813 |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | \$1,406 |
| 100 to 999 | \$704 |
| 0 to 99 | \$0 |
| Calves | |
| 10,000 or more | \$5,276 |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | \$2,813 |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | \$1,406 |
| 300 to 999 | \$704 |
| 0 to 299 | \$0 |
| Heifers | |
| 10,000 or more | \$10,553 |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | \$5,276 |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | \$2,813 |
| 300 to 999 | \$1,406 |
| 100 to 299 | \$704 |
| 0 to 99 | \$0 |
| Finishing Yards/Auction Yards | |
| 1,000 or more | \$2,813 |
| 300 to 999 | \$1,406 |
| 100 to 299 | \$704 |
| 0 to 99 | \$0 |

| DAIRIES | |
|---|------------|
| Type of Facility | |
| Number of Animals | Fee |
| Mature Dairy Cattle or Water Buffalo | |
| 3,000 or more | \$14,069 |
| 1,500 to 2,999 | \$8,792 |
| 700 to 1,499 | \$4,220 |
| 300 to 699 | \$2,110 |
| 150 to 299 | \$1,056 |
| 50 to 149 | \$528 |
| 0 to 49 | \$0 |
| Goat Dairies | |
| 1,000 or more | \$1,406 |
| 550 to 999 | \$704 |
| 0 to 549 | \$0 |
| OTHER | |
| HOGS | |
| Swine (> 55 pounds) | |
| 5,000 or more | \$5,276 |
| 2,500 to 4,999 | \$2,813 |
| 750 to 2,499 | \$1,406 |
| 150 to 749 | \$704 |
| 0 to 149 | \$0 |
| Swine (< 55 pounds) | |
| 20,000 or more | \$5,276 |
| 10,000 to 19,999 | \$2,813 |
| 3,000 to 9,999 | \$1,406 |
| 300 to 2,999 | \$704 |
| 0 to 299 | \$0 |
| Horses | |
| 500 or more | \$2,813 |
| 150 to 499 | \$1,406 |
| 75 to 149 | \$704 |
| 0 to 74 | \$0 |
| Sheep or Lambs | |
| 10,000 or more | \$2,813 |
| 3,000 to 9,999 | \$1,406 |
| 550 to 2,999 | \$704 |
| 0 to 549 | \$0 |

Dairies – Mature Dairy Cattle or Water Buffalo

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 3,000 or more | <u>\$15,406</u> |
| 1,500 to 2,999 | <u>\$9,628</u> |
| 700 to 1,499 | <u>\$4,621</u> |
| 300 to 699 | <u>\$2,311</u> |
| 150 to 299 | <u>\$1,156</u> |
| 50 to 149 | <u>\$578</u> |
| 0 to 49 | \$0 |

Feedlots – Cattle or Cow/Calf Pairs

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 100,000 or more | <u>\$11,556</u> |
| 10,000 to 99,999 | <u>\$5,777</u> |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 100 to 999 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 99 | \$0 |

Feedlots – Calves

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 10,000 or more | <u>\$5,777</u> |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 300 to 999 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 299 | \$0 |

Feedlots – Heifers

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 10,000 or more | <u>\$11,556</u> |
| 5,000 to 9,999 | <u>\$5,777</u> |
| 1,000 to 4,999 | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 300 to 999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 137 to 299 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 136 | \$0 |

Feedlots – Auction Yards

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1,000 or more | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 300 to 999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 100 to 299 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 99 | \$0 |

Dairies – Goat Dairies

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1,000 or more | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 550 to 999 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 549 | \$0 |

Hogs – Swine (> 55 Pounds)

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 5,000 or more | <u>\$5,777</u> |
| 2,500 to 4,999 | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 750 to 2,499 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 150 to 749 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 149 | \$0 |

Hogs – Swine (< 55 Pounds)

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 20,000 or more | <u>\$5,777</u> |
| 10,000 to 19,999 | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 3,000 to 9,999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 300 to 2,999 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 299 | \$0 |

Horses

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 500 or more | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 150 to 499 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 75 to 149 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 74 | \$0 |

Sheep or Lambs

| Number of Animals | Fee |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 10,000 or more | <u>\$3,080</u> |
| 3,000 to 9,999 | <u>\$1,540</u> |
| 550 to 2,999 | <u>\$771</u> |
| 0 to 549 | \$0 |

Poultry

| Number of Animal Equivalent Units (AEU) | Discharges with Low Threat to Water Quality ²⁷²⁸ | All Other Discharges |
|---|---|----------------------|
| 2000+ | \$2,4632,697 | \$7,0347,702 |
| 700 - 1,999 | \$1,7591,926 | \$3,5183,853 |
| 300 - 699 | \$1,2311,348 | \$2,6392,890 |
| 10 - 299 | \$704771 | \$1,4061,540 |
| 2 - 9 | \$353386 | \$704771 |
| 0 - 1 | \$0 | \$0 |

Animal Count to Animal Equivalent Unit (AEU) Conversion Matrix

| Animal Type | AEU Multiplier | Number of Animals per AEU ²⁸²⁹ |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| Turkey | 0.0150000 | 67 |
| Duck | 0.0080000 | 125 |
| Chicken – Broiler | 0.0050000 | 200 |
| Chicken – Layer | 0.0040000 | 250 |
| Guinea Fowl | 0.0035000 | 286 |
| Pheasant | 0.0027500 | 364 |
| Pullet | 0.0024000 | 417 |
| Squab | 0.0015000 | 667 |
| Chukar | 0.0012500 | 800 |
| Quail (Japanese) | 0.0003750 | 2,667 |
| Hatchery Chick (day old) | 0.0000938 | 10,661 |

(1) Facilities that are certified under a Quality Assurance Program approved by the state board or under a County regulatory program approved by the appropriate regional board, will receive a 50 percent fee reduction. Any facility that is issued a notice of violation by a regional board for an off-property discharge shall not be eligible to receive this fee reduction for a minimum of one billing cycle, and for all subsequent billing cycles until recertification and all corrective actions are complete as determined by the regional board.

(2) Facilities that pose no potential to discharge, as determined by a regional board, shall pay a fee of \$200. The fee shall be paid each time an application for initial certification or renewal of certification is submitted.

²⁷²⁸ These fees apply to discharges from poultry operations that are identified as posing a “low threat to water quality” in the applicable waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements.

²⁸²⁹ Rounded to the nearest whole number

(3) Facilities that are required to submit a report of waste discharge (ROWD) while the facility is under construction and remains so subsequent to the billing cycle will have the annual fee waived until the facility is in operation and animals are present at the facility.

(4) Facility closures that are required to maintain a permit until all requirements are met shall continue to be assessed a fee based at the same rate as when the facility was in operation.

(5) Facilities covered under a waste discharge requirement or waiver of waste discharge requirement that do not pay annual fees shall pay an application fee for initial coverage and renewals of coverage of \$200. The fee shall be paid each time an application for coverage or report of waste discharge is submitted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058 of the Water Code. Reference: Section 13260 of the Water Code.

Section 2200.6. Annual Agricultural and Irrigated Lands Fee Schedule.

(a) Annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands¹, including irrigated lands, shall be as follows:

(1) ~~Tier I:~~ If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the ~~state board~~Regional Board or Regional Board Executive Officer to manage fee collection and payment, then the annual fee shall be based on agricultural activity \$100 per group plus a per-acre fee according to the following fee schedule:-

| Agricultural Activity Tier for Group Enrollment | Per Acre Fee |
|---|---------------------|
| Tier A – All agricultural activity except those identified in Tier B. | <u>\$1.08</u> |
| Tier B – Discharger or group of dischargers whose agricultural activities are managed wetlands, irrigated pastures with no external nitrogen input, those belonging to the California Rice Commission third party group, or are determined by the Regional Water Board or the Executive Officer to be exempt from the precedential requirement to develop an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan. ² | <u>\$0.87</u> |

(2) ~~Tier II:~~ If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the ~~state board~~ but that does not manage fee collection and payment, then the fee shall be \$250 per farm plus \$1.43 per acre of land.

(3) ~~Tier III:~~ If a discharger is not a member of a group that has been approved by the ~~state board~~Regional Board or Regional Board Executive Officer to manage fee collection and payment, then the annual fee shall be based on agricultural activity according to the following fee schedule applies:

| Acres | Fee Rate | Min Fee | Max Fee |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0-10 | \$511 + \$17.05/Acre | \$511 | \$682 |
| 11-100 | \$1,277 + \$8.53/Acre | \$1,371 | \$2,130 |
| 101-500 | \$3,192 + \$4.26/Acre | \$3,622 | \$5,322 |
| 501 or More | \$6,384 + \$3.41/Acre | \$8,092 | No Max Fee |

¹ As used in this section, the acreage on which the fee is based refers to the area that has been irrigated or cultivated by the farmer or discharger at any time in the previous five years.

² Per State Water Board Order No. WQ 2018-0002, In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group.

| Agricultural Activity Tier for Individual Enrollment | Per Acre Fee |
|---|--|
| <u>Tier A</u> – All agricultural activity except those identified in Tier B. | <u>\$27.00 per acre up to 300 acres</u> <u>plus</u> <u>\$13.50 per acre over 300 acres</u> <u>with a minimum fee of \$550</u> |
| <u>Tier B</u> – Discharger or group of dischargers whose agricultural activities are managed wetlands, irrigated pastures with no external nitrogen input or are determined by the Regional Water Board or the Executive Officer to be exempt from the precedential requirement to develop an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan ² . | <u>\$21.60 per acre up to 300 acres</u> <u>plus</u> <u>\$10.80 per acre over 300 acres</u> <u>with a minimum fee of \$550</u> |

(b) Upon approval by the regional board to join a group subject to waste discharge requirements or waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands, the discharger shall submit to the state board an application fee, unless such fee is not required by the regional board. The application fee is a one-time fee of \$200 for dischargers that have received a written request to submit an application or report of waste discharge, and \$50 for all other dischargers. This application fee shall not apply to dischargers who were members of a group on or before June 30, 2008.

(c) For purposes of this section, the words “agricultural lands,” “irrigated lands,” “farm,” and “discharger” have the meaning contained in the applicable regional board or state board waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands. These fees shall apply whether or not a regional board or the state board has previously waived the payment of fees for the discharge of waste.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058 of the Water Code. Reference: Section 13260 and 13269 of the Water Code.

2200.7. Annual Fee Schedule for Cannabis Cultivation.

(a) Annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges associated with cannabis cultivation shall be as follows:

(1) Category 1: If a discharger is not a member of a group that has been approved by the appropriate regional board, the following fee schedule applies:

| Tier | Discharge Threat¹ | Annual Fee |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Low Threat to Water Quality | \$1,000 |
| 2 | Moderate Threat to Water Quality | \$2,500 |
| 3 | Elevated Threat to Water Quality | \$10,000 |

(2) Category 2: If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the appropriate regional board, the following fee schedule applies:

| Tier | Discharge Threat¹ | Annual Fee² |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Low Threat to Water Quality | \$700 |
| 2 | Moderate Threat to Water Quality | \$1,750 |
| 3 | Elevated Threat to Water Quality | N/A |

¹As assigned by the appropriate regional board.

²Dischargers in Tier 3 may join a third party group, but must pay the Category 1 fee unless the regional board subsequently assigns the Discharger to a lower tier. Any Discharger that is required by the regional board to take corrective action shall be subject to the fee schedule in Category 1 for a minimum of one billing cycle, and for all subsequent billing cycles until all corrective actions are complete as determined by the regional board.

(a~~b~~) Annual fees for dischargers covered under Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation shall be as follows:

(1) Tier 1 – Dischargers that have a disturbed area greater than 2,000 square feet and less than one acre:

| Risk Designation | Annual Fee |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Low Risk | \$600 |
| Moderate Risk | \$1,800 |
| High Risk | \$4,800 |

(2) Tier 2 – Dischargers that have a disturbed area equal to or greater than one acre:

| Risk Designation | Annual Fee |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Low Risk | \$1,000 |
| Moderate Risk | \$3,000 |
| High Risk | \$8,000 |

(3) Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements – Dischargers with indoor cultivation sites that meet the requirements for a waiver of waste discharge requirements or conditionally exempt sites shall pay an application fee for initial coverage and renewals of coverage of \$600. The fee shall be paid each time an application for coverage is submitted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058 of the Water Code. Reference: Sections 13260 and 13269 of the Water Code.