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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: WATER QUALITY ORDER 2003-0003-DWQ-0029,
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, GERBER AND FOLSOM SOUTH CANAL
CONNECTION VAULT DEWATERING, SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES**

On 12 December 2011, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff received a Notice of Intent (NOI) and associated permit application materials from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD, Discharger) for the discharge of extracted groundwater and stormwater from the Gerber and Folsom South Canal Connection Project.

Based on the information provided in the NOI and associated application materials, the proposed land discharge of extracted groundwater and stormwater satisfies the general and specific conditions of the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ for the category of small/temporary dewatering projects. Therefore, this serves as formal notice that the Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ is applicable to the sites and discharges described below. You are hereby assigned General Order 2003-0003-DWQ-0029 for this discharge.

A copy of the General Order is enclosed. You can also find the General Order on the State Water Board's website at the following location.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2003/wqo/wqo_2003-0003.pdf

You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire General Order. The discharge must be managed in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order and with the information submitted in the NOI and associated application materials.

DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

The Freeport Regional Water Project provides water to both the Sacramento County Water Agency and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) service areas. EBMUD's Mokelumne Aqueducts receive raw (untreated) water drawn from the Sacramento River via the new Gerber and Folsom South Canal Connection pipelines. EBMUD will operate the 72-inch

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diameter Gerber and Folsom South Canal Connection pipelines. Eighty-seven underground air valves and drain vaults are located along the pipeline, which occasionally collect small amounts of stormwater and groundwater. Approximately once per year, EBMUD will perform maintenance on these structures and may need to remove any water encountered. It is possible that each structure will contain up to 100 gallons of water. Extracted water will be pumped and land applied on the ground along the pipeline within EBMUD's 40-foot wide easement. No water will be allowed to enter surface water or storm drains. In addition, no discharges will occur during a rain event.

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

The Discharge shall comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements prescribed in Monitoring and Reporting Program 2003-0003-DWQ.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Dischargers shall comply with the Prohibitions, Discharge Specifications, Provisions, and Standard Provisions of Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ.

Please review this Notice of Applicability carefully to ensure that it completely and accurately reflects the proposed project and discharge. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions, the Central Valley Water Board may take enforcement action, including the assessment of an administrative civil liability. If the method of waste disposal changes from that described in the NOI and application materials, you must submit a new NOI.

EBMUD will generate the waste subject to the terms and conditions of Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ and will maintain exclusive control over the discharge. Failure to comply with the requirements in the Order could result in an enforcement action as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code. Discharge of wastes other than those described in the NOI and application materials is prohibited.

The required annual fee specified in the annual billing from the State Water Board shall be paid until this NOA is officially terminated. Within **60 days** of the time the discharge regulated by this Order ceases, the Discharger must notify this office in writing using the standard Notice of Termination form that accompanies Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ.

All monitoring reports, submittals, discharge notifications, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement should be directed to Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648 or gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov. Questions regarding this NOA, please contact Lani Andam at (916) 464-4723 or at landam@waterboards.ca.gov.

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enc: Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality, Order 2003-0003-DWQ

cc w/o enc: Gordon Innes, Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento
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San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, Stockton