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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2008-0081-108, (NPDES NO. CAG995001), DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS, CITY OF WILLOWS, GREEN ST. WELL DEVELOPMENT, GLENN COUNTY**

Our office received application materials on 21 November 2011, submitted by the California Water Service for a Notice of Intent to comply with General Order No. R5-2008-0081. Based on the information in the application package, we have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (General Order No. R5-2008-0081). This project is hereby assigned General Order No. R5-2008-0081-108 and National Pollution Discharge Elimination system (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001. Please reference the unique Order No. R5-2008-0081-108 in all future correspondence and documents.

The Low Threat General Order (enclosed) may also be viewed at the following web address: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/general\\_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2008-0081.pdf). You are urged to familiarize yourself with the contents of the entire document. The Low Threat General Order prescribes mandatory discharge monitoring requirements. The project shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA, the Low Threat General Order, and with the information submitted by the Discharger.

### **CALIFORNIA TOXIC RULE/STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING**

The Low Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxic Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, 2005, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP).

Section 5.3 of the SIP allows "exceptions from meeting the Priority Pollutant criteria/objectives if determined to be necessary to implement control measure..." The Discharger qualified for the SIP exception in Section 5.3 and is not required to conduct Priority Pollutant (CTR constituent) sampling because Professional Engineer, J.E. (Ed) Anderson has signed that the discharge will have no significant adverse impact on water quality and Regional Board records show there are no known contaminated aquifers in the immediate area of Marguerite Avenue and Fig Lane, Tehama County.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Discharger proposes to discharge drinking well water to North Fork Logan Creek, Willows, Glenn County. It is estimated that water will be pumped continuously for 3 to 4 weeks at 815 gpm. The pumping is being done for nitrate zone testing of the wells capture area. California Water Service hopes to determine the depth(s) at which Nitrates are being captured and then to seal that /those layers off from the well.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until the discharge is terminated. To terminate coverage under the Low Threat General order, the Discharger must submit written notification to the Central Valley Water Board that the discharge regulated by this Low Threat General Order has ceased and is no longer necessary. If a timely written request is not received, then the Discharger will be required to pay additional annual fees as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Failure to comply with the Low Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability.

## **REPORTING**

The Central Valley Water Board shall be notified immediately if any violation, nuisance or detriment to the receiving water is observed during implementation of the project. Notification of the beginning and end of discharge and questions regarding compliance and enforcement shall be directed to Ron Falkowski of the Central Valley Water Board's NPDES South Regulatory Unit. Mr. Falkowski can be reached at (530) 224-3227 or [rsfalkowski@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rsfalkowski@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2008-0081 (Dischargers only)

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