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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); LOW THREAT GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2013-0074; TINKER ROAD DRINKING WATER WELL TESTING PROJECT; PLACER COUNTY**

The Central Valley Water Board is amending the 2 August 2013 NOA for Low Threat General Order R5-2013-0074-131 based on the e-mail submitted by the Placer County Water Agency (Discharger), on 3 February 2014 for the Tinker Road Drinking Water Well Testing Project (Project). The Discharger's e-mail requested inclusion of temporary well pump equipment testing. Based on the original Notice of Intent application packet and subsequent information submitted by the Discharger, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the *Waste Discharge Requirements For Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters* (Low Threat General Order). This project is hereby assigned Low Threat General Order **R5-2013-0074-131-01** and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995001. Please reference unique Order **R5-2013-0074-131-01** in all future correspondence and documents. Therefore, this amended NOA supersedes the NOA dated 2 August 2013.

The Low Threat General Order may be viewed at the following web address:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/general\\_orders/r5-2013-0074.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2013-0074.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 activities 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 TOXICS RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING**

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

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project is located at 1181 Tinker Road, Rocklin, California in Placer County within the watershed of Pleasant Grove Creek. The Discharger recently installed a drinking water well to provide water supply for back-up and peak demand water system conditions. The Discharger is planning a 2-day well discharge test; the first test is a 24-hour constant discharge test that will

discharge approximately 1 million gallons per day (MGD) and the second 24-hour test is a flow step test that will discharge approximately 1 MGD. In order to measure the flow of water that is being discharged, the Discharger will place a water meter after two equalization tanks and prior to a concrete splitter box. To prevent erosion, discharged water flows onto the concrete splitter box for energy dissipation and erosion minimization. From the splitter box the water will flow into a storm water detention basin which will then flow to a natural drainage before entering the Pleasant Grove Creek about 0.2 miles away.

The Discharger is also planning a separate 8 hour startup test of temporary pumping equipment of up to 0.9 MGD. Similar settling and erosion control equipment will be used for this test as was used for the well discharge test. The 8 hour startup test is to prepare the well for future installation of permanent well pumping equipment that will be tied into Placer County's drinking water system. The Discharger is currently in the process of completing a Pollution Prevention and Monitoring and Reporting Plan (PPMRP) to be able to bring this well online on a permanent basis. This NOA authorizes temporary well startup discharges associated with the testing described above. This NOA does not authorize ongoing discharges associated with permanent operation and maintenance of this well.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING**

**Monitoring Locations** – The Discharger shall monitor the effluent and receiving water at the specified locations as follows:

**Table E-1. Monitoring Station Locations**

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
001	EFF-001	A location where a representative sample of the effluent can be collected prior to discharging to surface water.
--	RSW-001	Approximately 50 feet upstream of where the effluent discharges into Pleasant Grove Creek.
--	RSW-002	Approximately 50 feet downstream of where the effluent discharges into Pleasant Grove Creek.

**Effluent Monitoring** – The Discharger shall monitor the effluent as follows:

**Table E-3. Effluent Monitoring – Discharges Less than 4 Months in Duration**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency <sup>1,2</sup>	Required Analytical Test Method
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-Day @ 20 °C)	mg/L	Grab	2/Month	3
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L	Grab	1/Discharge Event	3,4,5
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 °C	µmhos/cm	Grab	2/Month	3
pH	standard units	Grab	2/Month	3
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	2/Month	3
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	2/Month	3

<sup>1</sup> If the discharge is intermittent rather than continuous, then on the first day of each such intermittent discharge, the Discharger shall monitor and record data for all of the constituents listed above, after which the frequencies of analysis given in the schedule shall apply for the duration of each such intermittent discharge. In no event shall the Discharger be required to monitor and record data more often than twice the frequencies listed in the table.

<sup>2</sup> The first sample shall be collected at the start of discharge.

<sup>3</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 CFR Part 136.

- <sup>4</sup> A handheld field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a USEPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.
- <sup>5</sup> Total chlorine residual must be monitored with a method sensitive to and accurate at a reporting level of 0.08 mg/L, or any more stringent reporting level included in a final statewide policy or standard for total residual chlorine.

**Receiving Water Monitoring** – The Discharger shall monitor the receiving water as follows:

**Table E-5. Receiving Water Monitoring – Discharge Less than 4 Months in Duration**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	2/Week	1
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 °C	µmhos/cm	Grab	2/Week	1
pH	standard units	Grab	2/Week	1
Temperature	°F	Grab	2/Week	1
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	2/Week	1

<sup>1</sup> Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 CFR Part 136.

In conducting the receiving water sampling, a log shall be kept of the receiving water conditions throughout the reach bounded by RSW-001 and RSW-002. Attention shall be given to the presence or absence of:

- a. Floating or suspended matter
- b. Discoloration
- c. Bottom deposits
- d. Aquatic life
- e. Visible films, sheens, or coatings
- f. Fungi, slimes, or objectionable growths
- g. Potential nuisance conditions

Notes on receiving water conditions shall be summarized in the monitoring report.

**Reporting** – The Discharger must notify Central Valley Water Board staff 24 hours 1) before the start of each new discharge, 2) as soon as noncompliance is anticipated, and 3) when the discharge ceases.

The Discharger must submit quarterly reports, as described in Attachment E, Section X of the Low Threat General Order, even if there is no discharge or receiving water flow during the reporting quarter, until the Discharger formally requests that coverage under the Order be terminated.

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing you will receive from the State Water 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. Effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation. Late reports may be subject to an MMP of \$3,000 for each period of 30 days late. When discharges do not occur during a quarterly monitoring period, the Discharger must still submit a quarterly report indicating that no discharge occurred to avoid being subject to enforcement actions.

### **COMMUNICATION**

All monitoring report submittals, notification of the beginning and end of discharge, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement shall be directed to Lucio Orellana of the Central Valley Water Board's NPDES Compliance and Enforcement Unit. Mr. Orellana can be reached at (916) 464-4660 or [Lucio.Orellana@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lucio.Orellana@waterboards.ca.gov).

Questions regarding the permitting aspects of this Low Threat General Order, and written notification for termination of coverage under the Low Threat General Order, shall be directed to Josh Palmer of the Central Valley Water Board's NPDES Permitting Unit. Mr. Palmer can be reached at (916) 464-4674 or [Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov).

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

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