CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2004-0126

AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

ORDER NO. R5-2003-0061
NPDES NO. CA0082848
FOR

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA 31
FLAG CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter
Regional Board) finds:

1.   Waste Discharge Requirements Order No R5-2003-0061, NPDES No. CA0082848 was adopted on
      25 April 2003, prescribing waste discharge requirements for the San Joaquin County Service
      Area 31 (hereafter Discharger).

2.   On average the Discharger collects and treats, and disposes of approximately 40,000 gallons per
      day (0.04 mgd) of domestic and industrial wastewater. The wastewater is normally discharged to
      Highline Canal, however at times effluent is directed to a holding pond system were some
      evaporation and percolation of the wastewater may occur.

3.   Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0061 contains Provisions F.3. and F.6., which
      provide time schedules to meet Effluent Limitations B.4. requiring tertiary treatment requirements
      and B.6 requiring installation of an adequate electronic notification system as an alternative to
      continuous staffing all by 1 May 2004.

4.   The Discharger submitted a letter dated 30 April 2004, requesting amendment to Order
      No. R5-2003-0061 to extend the final compliance dates in Provisions F.3. and F.6. from
      1 May 2004 to 1 November 2005 (approximately nineteen months). The time extension requested
      remains within the permit term and it allows the Discharger additional time to complete the
      required treatment plant modifications.

5.   The Discharger has explained that a more significant effort than anticipated was needed to upgrade
      the facility to tertiary treatment, in particular the expansion of the existing chlorine contact basin
      was cited as the number one construction issue. Also, the remote notification upgrade cost was
      greater than expected requiring the Discharger to develop a financial plan to address the
      unexpected price of the system. Finally, the Discharger is also considering alternative means of
      addressing wastewater issues at the facility.

6.   The action to adopt or amend an NPDES permit for an existing facility is exempt from the
      provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code

Section 21000, et seq.), requiring preparation of an environmental impact report or negative declaration in accordance with Section 13389 of the California Water Code.

7.   The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to amend waste discharge requirements for this discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

8.   The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the waste discharge requirements amendment.

9.   This Resolution shall amend Waste Discharge Requirements Order No R5-2003-0061, NPDES No. CA0082848, pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, and any amendments thereto, and shall take effect upon the date of hearing, provided EPA has no objections.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 5 R5-2003-0061, NPDES No. CA0082848, is amended solely to change the final compliance dates in Provisions F.3. and F.6. from 1 May 2004 to **1 November 2005**. The San Joaquin County Service Area 31, its agents, successors and assigns, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, shall comply with the amended Order No. 5 R5-2003-0061.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 10 September 2004.

_____Original signed by_____
THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer