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**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

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**NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY**

**WAIVER OF REPORTS OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE  
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION,  
DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT,  
RECYCLED WATER FOR USE AS ROAD DUST CONTROL,  
NEVADA COUNTY**

On 4 April 2019, the Donner Summit Public Utility District (hereafter “Discharger”) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Reports of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2018-0085* (the Waiver). The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the RWD is considered complete and the discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver. The discharge is hereby covered under the Waiver Order R5-2018-0085-0004. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

**PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Discharger is proposing to use treated tertiary effluent from the Donner Summit Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for road dust control. Discharge from WWTP is permitted under Order No. R5-2015-0068 (NPDES No. CA0081621), adopted on 4 June 2015, which allows surface water discharges, land application, and use of the treated effluent for snow making.

The Discharger is planning on improving Donner Pass Road, beginning at Interstate 80 and Donner Pass Road (Exit 174) and ending approximately 7 miles east along Donner Pass Road in Nevada and Placer Counties. The project is expected to begin during the summer of 2020.

The treated wastewater to be used for dust control is treated and disinfected pursuant to Order No. R5-2015-0068. The WWTF produces effluent that meets California Code

of Regulations, Title 22, section 60301.220, requirements. Recycled water will be used as needed for dust control along Donner Pass Road and will be managed to prevent runoff from application areas to surface waters.

The Discharger submitted an *Engineering Report Amendment – Recycled Water for Road Dust Control – Resolution R5-2018-0085 (Amendment)*, dated 14 February 2020 to the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). Additional information was submitted on 21 May, 1 June, 18 June, and 29 June 2020. On 7 July 2020, DDW issued a letter that states the Amendment was conditionally accepted. As stated in the letter, the Amendment includes sufficient information to allow the Discharger to use disinfected tertiary recycled water for dust control for the duration of the Donner Pass Road improvement Project.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

## **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A. Donner Summit Public Utilities District is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient contractor oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

## **DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS**

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

[centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

<b>Facility Name: Recycled Water for Use as Road Dust Control, Nevada County</b>		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2018-0085-0004	CIWQS Place ID: 220548

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Guy at (916) 464-4648 or at [gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov).

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for Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order No. R5-2018-0085

cc w/o: Nevada County Environmental Health Department