

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2021-XXXX

**REQUIRING CHESTER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
CHESTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLUMAS COUNTY
TO CEASE AND DESIST
FROM DISCHARGING CONTRARY TO REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED
IN ORDER R5-2021-XXXX (NPDES NO. CA0077747)**

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

1. On 13 August 2009, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2009-0078, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0077747, and accompanying Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2009-0080 for the Chester Public Utility District's (hereinafter Discharger) Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant (hereinafter Facility).
2. On 18 February 2016, the Central Valley Water Board adopted WDRs Order R5-2016-0004, NPDES Permit No. CA0077747, and accompanying CDO R5-2016-0005.
3. Prior to CDO R5-2016-0005, the Discharger has been subject to several CDOs. CDO 89-069 required the Discharger to: (1) reduce excessive I/I in the Discharger's sanitary sewer collection system, (2) increase biological activity in the stabilization ponds, and (3) increase the concentration of dissolved oxygen in the stabilization ponds. CDO R5-2004-0051 required an updated implementation schedule for reducing I/I in the Discharger's sanitary sewer collection system. CDO R5-2009-0080 required implementing Facility improvements and included an updated time schedule for implementing recommended corrective actions for the Discharger's collection system, prioritizing those areas thought to cause the most infiltration and inflow (I/I).
4. On XX April 2021, the Central Valley Water Board adopted WDRs Order R5-2021-XXXX, NPDES Permit No. CA0077747. WDRs Order R2021-XXXX contain Final Effluent Limitations in section IV.A.1 that read, in part, as follows:

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Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations		
		Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (5-day at 20°C)	mg/L	30	45	90
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	30	45	90
Ammonia, Total (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	8.4	16	--

Percent Removal. The average monthly percent removal of the five-day biochemical oxygen demand at 20°C (BOD5) and total suspended solids (TSS) shall not be less than 85 percent.

Total Coliform Organisms. Effluent total coliform organisms shall not exceed:

- i. 23 most probable number (MPN) per 100 mL, as a 7-day median; and
- ii. 240 MPN/100 mL, more than once in any 30-day period.

5. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the community of Chester, CA. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city of Chester has a population of approximately 2,145. Current residential sewer rates are \$38.05 per month, which is approximately 0.72% of the Chester, CA median household income.
6. The Facility was designed to treat municipal wastewater to secondary treatment standards. Untreated sewage is pumped through a bar screen and flow is subsequently measured using a Parshall flume. After preliminary treatment, wastewater flow is split between two primary stabilization ponds and subsequently conveyed through a series of four additional stabilization ponds; a single solar powered circulator is utilized in each pond. Total stabilization pond area is approximately 19 acres with a holding capacity of approximately 31 million gallons. After passing through all stabilization ponds, over a period of approximately 48 days, treated wastewater is disinfected with chlorine gas in a contact basin prior to release into either: (1) a series of wetland ponds or (2) Lake Almanor via a 3,000 foot open channel. When discharge is conveyed to Lake Almanor, disinfected wastewater is dechlorinated with sulfur dioxide gas.
7. The Facility has a prohibition on discharge into Lake Almanor from 1 June to 30 September of any given year to minimize the potential threat of direct human contact with inadequately treated wastewater during the peak public recreation period for Lake

Almanor. The average design flow of the Facility is 0.5 million gallons per day. Over the previous permit cycle, the Discharger has infrequently sent effluent to Lake Almanor during the allowable discharge period. However, discharge to Lake Almanor does occur when flow rates in the collection system increase due to substantial I/I.

Need for Compliance Schedule Extension and Legal Basis

8. Self-reported water quality data during the past permit term indicates that hydraulic overloading and poor biological treatment in the stabilization ponds occur when sanitary sewage flows are diluted. Wastewater treatment at the Facility can be impacted by dilute influent in several ways, including but not limited to: high effluent flow rates resulting in inadequate chlorine contact time, increased total coliform organisms in the effluent, and decreased influent BOD₅ and TSS concentrations.
9. As reported in the California Integrated Water Quality System, approximately 142 WDRs violations have occurred between 2016 and 2020, which includes both discharge and non-discharge permit violations. Violations included exceedances of effluent limits (total coliform organisms, TSS percent removal, and BOD percent removal), violations of discharge prohibitions, and deficient monitoring.
10. Since the adoption of CDO 89-069, the Discharger has made efforts to meet discharge prohibitions and NPDES permit effluent limits. Efforts have included: replacement of piping in the sanitary sewer collection system (e.g., sewer crossings, laterals, mainlines, and submains), construction of wetland ponds for land disposal of effluent, installation of circulators in the stabilization ponds, and installation of groundwater monitoring wells.
11. The Discharger has maintained diligent progress towards reducing I/I flow rates and the improvement of treatment system components to achieve compliance with final effluent limits and discharge prohibitions. For example, construction of additional wetland ponds and heightening of berms surrounding the current stabilization ponds has resulted in consistent compliance with the surface water discharge prohibition from 1 June to 30 September of any given year.
12. Current projects being conducted by the Discharger pursuant to CDO R5-2016-005 include an alternatives analysis and developing supporting documentation for possible repair, replacement, and/or installation of new sewer collection pipes to enhance the sewer system capacity and reduce I/I. The Project will assess the existing sewer system through monitoring and inspection, identify critical failure areas that need rehabilitation or replacement, prioritize areas with high I/I and implement solutions to reduce potential public health risks.
13. Despite efforts undertaken by the Discharger as described in the preceding findings, improvements to the Facility have not yet resulted in consistent compliance during periods when the Facility's storage capacity is reached and discharge to Lake Almanor is

necessary. As such, additional treatment facilities and/or additional source control measures must be implemented to meet technology and water quality based effluent limits for surface water discharges.

Mandatory Minimum Penalties

14. California Water Code (CWC) sections 13385(h) and (i) require the Central Valley Water Board to impose mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) upon dischargers that violate certain effluent limitations. CWC section 13385(j)(3) exempts the discharge from MMPs “where the waste discharge is in compliance with either a cease and desist order issued pursuant to section 13301 or a time schedule order issued pursuant to section 13300 or 13308, if all the [specified] requirements are met.”
15. Per the requirements of Water Code section 13385, subdivisions (j)(3)(A) through (D), the Central Valley Water Board finds that:
 - a. This Order specifies the actions that the Discharger is required to take in order to correct the violations that would otherwise be subject to CWC sections 13385(h) and (i).
 - b. The Discharger was not able to consistently comply with one or more effluent limits established in WDR Order R5-2009-0078 because the effluent limits were new or more stringent regulatory requirements that became applicable to the waste discharge after the effective date of the WDRs and after 1 July 2000, new or modified control measures are necessary in order to comply with effluent limits, and the new or modified control measures cannot be designed, installed, and put into operation within 30 calendar days.
 - c. This Order establishes a time schedule to bring waste discharge into compliance with final effluent limits that is as short as possible, taking into account technological, operational, and economic factors that affect design, development, and implementation of control measures that are necessary to comply with effluent limits.
16. By statute, a Cease and Desist Order or TSO may provide protection from MMPs for no more than five years.
17. Per the requirements of Water Code Section 13385(j)(3)(C)(ii)(II) following a public meeting, and upon showing that the Discharger is making diligent progress toward bringing the waste discharge into compliance with the final effluent limitation, the Central Valley Water Board may extend the time schedule for an additional five years beyond the initial five years, if the Discharger demonstrates that the additional time is necessary to comply with the final effluent limitation.

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18. The Discharger has had difficulty in complying with limits described in Finding 4. Throughout the Discharger's time of enrollment in the NPDES program, limits on these parameters have been adopted or altered as follows:

Adoption Date	Parameter	Averaging Period/Corresponding Limit ¹	
23 February 1979	BOD ₅ (percent removal)	AM	- 85
23 February 1979	Total Coliform (MPN/100mL)	30M	- 23
		MD	- 500
25 June 1982	BOD ₅ (mg/L) (20°C)	AM	- 30
		7A	- 45
		MD	- 90
25 June 1982	TSS (percent removal)	AM	- 85
25 June 1982	TSS (mg/L)	AM-	- 30
		7A-	- 45
		MD-	- 90
25 June 1982	Total Coliform (MPN/100mL)	AM	- 23
5 December 1997	Total Coliform (MPN/100mL)	30M	- 23
13 August 2009	Total Ammonia (as nitrogen)	AM	- 5.4
		MD	- 10.8
13 August 2009	Total Coliform (MPN/100mL)	7M	- 23
		30MX	- 240

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¹ AM-Average monthly; AW-Average weekly; MD- Maximum daily; 7M-7-day median; 30MX- not to be exceeded more than once in any 30-day period; 30M- 30-day median; 7A- Seven-day average

19. Exemption from MMPs for violations of final effluent limits under Water Code section 13385(j)(3), requires findings that the discharger is not able to consistently comply with effluent limits in the waste discharge requirements for a reason provided in Water Code section 13385(j)(3)(B)(i)...(iv). Violations of effluent limits for TSS/BOD5 (percent removal and concentration) and total coliform (seven-day median) do not meet the requirements of Water Code section 13385(j)(3)(B)(i) to be considered exempt from MMPs, as these limits are not new, more stringent, or modified regulatory requirements that became applicable to the waste discharge after the effective date of the waste discharge requirements and after 1 July 2000. Additionally, exemption from MMPs pursuant to (ii), (iii), and (iv) of Water Code section 13385(j)(3)(B) is not applicable. Therefore, this Order cannot provide the Discharger protection from MMPs associated with any effluent violations for TSS/BOD5 (percent removal and concentration) and total coliform (seven-day median).
20. New final effluent limits for total ammonia (as nitrogen) became applicable to the waste discharge on 13 August 2009 when WDRs Order R2009-0078 was adopted. No interim limits or compliance schedule was authorized for these new effluent limits for total ammonia (as nitrogen) at that time. WDRs Order R5-2016-0004 included interim limits and a compliance schedule for total ammonia which expired on 13 August 2019. Pursuant to Water Code section 13385, subdivisions (j)(3)(A) through (D), CDO R5-2016-0005 provided interim limits and a time schedule to comply with final effluent limits for total ammonia from 13 August 2019 until 30 March 2021.
21. New final effluent limits for total coliform (30-day maximum) became applicable to the waste discharge on 13 August 2009 when WDRs Order R2009-0078 was adopted. No interim limits or compliance schedule was authorized for these new effluent limits for total coliform (30-day maximum) at that time. Pursuant to Water Code section 13385, subdivisions (j)(3)(A) through (D), CDO R5-2016-0005 provided interim limits and a time schedule to comply with final effluent limits for total coliform (30-day maximum) from 18 February 2016 until 18 February 2021.
22. By statute, a time schedule may provide protection from the imposition of MMPs for no more than five years, except as provided in Water Code section 13385, subdivision (j)(3)(C)(ii)(II), which allows for an additional five years (10 years total). Pursuant to Water Code section 13385, subdivision (j)(3)(A) through (D) and subdivision (j)(3)(C)(ii)(II), compliance with this Order exempts the Discharger from MMPs for violations of the final effluent limits in WDR Order R5-2021-XXXX for total ammonia (as nitrogen) and total coliform (240 MPN/100mL more than once in any 30-day period) from the adoption date of this Order until 18 February 2026.

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23. In accordance with Water Code section 13385(j)(3)(C), the total length of protection from MMPs for the final effluent limits for total ammonia (as nitrogen) and total coliform (240 MPN/100mL more than once in any 30-day period) does not exceed ten years.
24. This Order provides a time schedule for completing actions necessary to ensure compliance with the final effluent limits for total ammonia (as nitrogen) and total coliform (240 MPN/100mL more than once in any 30-day period contained) in WDRs Order R5-2021-XXXX. Since the time schedule for completion of actions necessary to bring the waste discharge into compliance exceeds one year, this Order includes interim effluent limits and interim requirements and dates for their achievement.
25. This Order includes new performance-based interim effluent limits for total ammonia (as nitrogen). Interim total ammonia effluent limits consist of a maximum daily effluent limit (MDEL) and an average monthly effluent limit (AMEL) derived using sample data provided by the Discharger. In developing the performance-based interim AMEL, where there are 10 data points or more and only once per month sampling is required, sampling and laboratory variability is accounted for by establishing interim effluent limits that are based on normally distributed data where 99.9 percent of the data points will lie within 3.3 standard deviations of the mean (Basic Statistical Methods for Engineers and Scientists, Kennedy and Neville, Harper and Row, 3rd Edition, January 1986). When at least 80 percent of the data points are reported as non-detect (ND) values, or if there are less than 10 data points available, the interim AMEL is based on 3.11 times the maximum observed effluent concentration (MEC) when once per month sampling is required. Additionally, if either of these procedures produces an interim AMEL less than the MEC, the MEC is sometimes established as the interim AMEL. The interim MDEL can be calculated by multiplying the calculated AMEL with a multiplier from Table 2 (which is each parameters MDEL multiplier divided by their AMEL multiplier) of the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California. To calculate the coefficient of variation (COV), division of sample variance by sample mean was calculated using historical records.

Effluent data from 16 February 2016 through 16 February 2021 were used in calculating interim effluent limits for total ammonia. The following table summarizes the calculation of interim effluent limits for total ammonia:

Parameter	Units	# of Samples	Mean	Standard Deviation	COV	99.9 %	MEC	Interim AMEL	Interim MDEL
Total Ammonia (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	10	1.37	1.4	1.02	5	3.9	21	53

26. Total coliform limits are not based on normally distributed data and limit setting procedures described above do not apply. The interim limit for total coliform is set to the R5-2004-0051 permit limit. This is a limit that the Discharger has previously met and is therefore operationally attainable.

The following table shows the interim total coliform limit. Maximum effluent concentration, mean, median, and standard deviation values are included for reference but were not used in calculating the interim total coliform limit. The following table presents analytical results collected during the allowable period of discharge between 16 February 2016 through 16 February 2021.

Parameter	Units	# of Samples	Mean	Standard Deviation	MEC	Interim Limitation (Maximum Daily)
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100mL	42	109	347	1600	500

27. The Central Valley Water Board finds that the Discharger can maintain compliance with interim effluent limits included in this Order. Interim effluent limits are established when compliance with final effluent limits cannot be achieved by the existing Facility. Discharge of constituent concentrations in excess of final effluent limits, but in compliance with interim effluent limits, can significantly degrade water quality and adversely affect beneficial uses of the receiving stream on a long-term basis. Interim effluent limits, however, establish an enforceable ceiling concentration until compliance with final effluent limits can be achieved.
28. If an interim effluent limit contained in this Order is exceeded, then the Discharger is subject to MMPs for that particular exceedance as it will no longer meet the exemption in Water Code section 13385, subdivision (j)(3). It is the intent of the Central Valley Water Board that a violation of an interim AMEL subjects the Discharger to only one MMP for that monthly averaging period. A violation of an interim MDEL subjects the Discharger to one MMP for the day in which the sample was collected.

Regulatory Considerations

29. Beneficial uses are designated in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition (hereafter Basin Plan), which establishes water quality objectives and contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basins. Existing and potential beneficial uses of Lake Almanor include: hydropower generation; water contact recreation; warm freshwater habitat; cold freshwater habitat; warm water spawning; and wildlife habitat. Existing beneficial uses

for groundwater are: municipal and domestic water supply; agricultural supply; industrial service supply; and industrial process supply.

30. Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations part 122.44(d)(1)(i), NPDES effluent limits must control all pollutants which are or may be discharged at a level which will cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above any state water quality standard, including any narrative criteria for water quality. Beneficial uses, together with their corresponding water quality objectives or promulgated water quality criteria, can be defined per federal regulations as water quality standards.
31. The following, in part, is stated in section 13301 of the California Water Code (Water Code):

When a regional board finds that a discharge of waste is taking place, or threatening to take place, in violation of requirements or discharge prohibitions prescribed by the regional board or the state board, the board may issue an order to cease and desist and direct that those persons not complying with the requirements or discharge prohibitions (a) comply forthwith, (b) comply in accordance with a time schedule set by the board, or (c) in the event of a threatened violation, take appropriate remedial or preventive action... Cease and desist orders may be issued directly by a board, after notice and hearing.
32. Discharge of secondary treated disinfected wastewater using the current treatment system can potentially result in further violations of WDRs and additional impacts to water quality and beneficial uses. This Order requires the Discharger to take appropriate action to comply with WDRs, agreed upon by the Central Valley Water Board and the Discharger, in accordance with the time schedule contained in this Order.
33. The following, in part, is stated in Water Code section 13383, subdivision (a):

[A] regional board may establish monitoring, inspection, entry, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements . . . for any person who discharges, or proposes to discharge, to navigable waters, any person who introduces pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works, any person who owns or operates, or proposes to own or operate, a publicly owned treatment works or other treatment works treating domestic sewage, or any person who uses or disposes, or proposes to use or dispose, of sewage sludge.
34. The Discharger owns and operates the Facility subject to this Order. The technical reports required by this Order are necessary to assure that compliance with WDRs will be achieved. The actions and reports required by this Order are directly related to the Discharger's compliance with WDRs and do not require expenses that are not already required pursuant to WDRs. The expenses will not affect the Discharger's ability to

operate the Facility. The burden of these actions and reports bears a reasonable relationship to the need for the actions and reports.

- 35. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”) pursuant to Water Code section 13389, since the adoption or modification of a NPDES permit for an existing source is statutorily exempt and this Order only serves to implement a NPDES permit. (Pacific Water Conditioning Ass’n, Inc. v. City Council of City of Riverside (1977) 73 Cal.App.3d 546, 555-556.). Issuance of this Order, an enforcement order, is also exempt pursuant to title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15321(a)(2).
- 36. On DATE, after due notice to the Discharger and all other interested persons, the Central Valley Water Board conducted a public hearing and received evidence regarding this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. CDO R5-2016-0005 is rescinded upon the effective date of this Order, except for enforcement purposes.
- 2. Pursuant to Water Code section 13301, the Discharger shall cease and desist from discharging, or threatening to discharge, in violation of WDR Order R5-2021-XXXX. The Discharger shall maintain compliance in accordance with the schedule below:

Task	Compliance Date
Pollution Prevention Plan: Submit a pollution prevention plan in accordance with CWC Section 13263.3, subdivision (d)(2). The PPP shall describe pollution prevention activities the Discharger will implement in the short-term and the long-term to reduce total ammonia and total coliform exceedances at the Facility.	1 June 2022
Preliminary Engineering Report: Submit a preliminary engineering report that describes: (1) the existing situation, (2) potential project alternatives, (3) the suggested compliance project, (4) the projected costs, (5) a feasibility analysis of the selected project, (6) funding strategy for the project, and (7) an estimated project schedule.	1 June 2023
Funding Availability: Submit a report that provides a description of the funding sources that will be utilized for the project.	1 January 2024

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Task	Compliance Date
Progress Reports: Submit progress reports that detail any steps taken towards the achievement of compliance with WDRs, including studies, construction progress, evaluation of implemented measures, and recommendations for additional measures as necessary to meet effluent limits by the final compliance date.	1 February 2022
	1 February 2023
	1 February 2024
	1 February 2025
Full Compliance with Effluent Limits	18 February 2026
Report of Completion: Submit a final report that provides certification that the work plan has been completed and effluent water quality is in compliance with current WDRs.	30 May 2026

3. The following interim effluent limits shall be in effect from the adoption date of this Order until 18 February 2026, or when the Discharger is able to come into compliance, whichever is sooner.

Parameter	Units	Interim Limitation (Maximum Daily)	Interim AMEL	Interim MDEL
Total Ammonia (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	--	21	53
Total Coliform	MPN/100mL	500	--	--

4. It is the intent of the Central Valley Water Board to enforce on any violations that occur during the term of this Order. The failure of the Central Valley Water Board to enforce any provision of this Order shall in no way be deemed a waiver of such provision, or in any way affect the validity of the Order. The Discharger continues to be subject to the effluent limits specified in WDRs Order R5-2021-XXXX for the duration of this Order and compliance with these limits should be demonstrated with sampling methods that employ an appropriate level of precision.
5. During the term of this Order the Discharger shall operate and maintain, as efficiently as possible, all facilities and systems necessary to comply with all prohibitions, effluent limits, and requirements identified in WDR Order R5-2021-XXXX and any future WDRs issued to the Discharger.

6. If, for any reason, the Discharger is unable to perform any activity or submit any documentation in compliance with deadlines set forth in this Order, despite the timely good faith efforts of the Discharger, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Discharger or its agents, employees, contractors, consultants and any other person acting on the Discharger's behalf, and which could not have been reasonably foreseen and prevented or minimized by the exercise of due diligence by the Discharger, the Discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing within thirty (30) days of the date the Discharger first knew of the event or circumstance that caused or could cause a violation of this Order. The notice shall describe the reason for the nonperformance and specifically refer to this Paragraph. The notice shall describe the anticipated length of time the delay may persist, the cause or causes of the delay, the measures taken or to be taken by the Discharger to prevent or minimize the delay, the schedule by which the measures will be implemented, and the anticipated date of compliance. The Discharger shall adopt all reasonable measures to avoid and minimize such delays. The determination as to whether the circumstances were beyond the reasonable control of the Discharger and its agents will be made by the Executive Officer. Where the Executive Officer concurs that compliance was or is impossible, despite the timely good faith efforts of the Discharger, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Discharger that could not have been reasonably foreseen and prevented by the exercise of reasonable diligence by the Discharger, a new final compliance deadline shall be established and this Order will be revised accordingly. Where the Executive Officer does not concur that compliance was or is impossible, the matter will be scheduled for hearing before the Central Valley Water Board and no penalty imposed pursuant to Paragraph 9 below unless the Regional Water Board upholds the Executive Officer's determination.
7. Any person signing a document submitted under this Order shall make the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my knowledge and on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.
8. In accordance with the Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, engineering and geologic evaluations and judgments shall be performed by or under the direction of registered professionals competent and proficient in fields pertinent to the required activities. All technical reports specified herein that contain work plans for, that describe the conduct of investigations and studies, or that contain technical conclusions and recommendations concerning engineering and geology shall be prepared by or under the direction of appropriately qualified professional(s), even if not explicitly stated. Each technical report submitted by the Discharger shall contain the professional's signature and/or stamp of their professional seal.

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9. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement, may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability, or may take other enforcement actions. Failure to comply with this Order, or with WDRs, may result in an assessment of administrative civil liability of up to \$10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to the Water Code, including sections 13350 and 13385. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

10. 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 Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050 et seq. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, 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 will be provided upon request or may be found on the Internet at: (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality).

Note that, even if reconsideration by the Central Valley Water Board is sought, filing a petition with the State Water Board within a 30-day period is necessary to preserve the petitioner's legal rights. If reconsideration of this Order is requested or a petition with the State Water Board is filed, be advised that compliance with this Order is required while the reconsideration request and/or petition is considered.

I, **PATRICK PULUPA**, 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 22 April 2021. This Order shall become effective upon the effective date of WDRs Order R5-2021-00XX on 1 June 2021.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer

Date