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COMMENTS TO TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING CITY OF STOCKTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER CONTROL FACILITY NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079138

The City of Stockton (City) appreciates the efforts taken by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to incorporate into the referenced NPDES a new discharge location for the City's Regional Wastewater Control Facility (RWCF). As described in the amending resolution, the new discharge location is a rehabilitated outfall on the east bank of the San Joaquin River. The City will transition discharge from the current west-bank outfall location to the new outfall within the next year, with the anticipation the reinstated outfall will undergo commissioning exercises a few months in advance of fully transitioning to the reinstated outfall. During commissioning, the City intends to cease discharge from the current west-bank outfall and to discharge effluent for limited durations at the reinstated east-bank outfall to confirm that new programming, valves, and diversion infrastructure are functioning properly. Any effluent discharged from the east-bank outfall will be compliant with the current NPDES permit effluent limitations. Aside from commissioning periods, the RWCF will continue discharging from the west-bank outfall until the transition to the east-bank outfall is complete.

The City requests that the amended NPDES permit include the following changes to help accommodate the discharge from the east-bank outfall during the commissioning period.

1. Modify the proposed Table 2 on the Cover Page, as shown below.

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude (North)	Discharge Point Longitude (West)	Receiving Water
001	Tertiary Treated Wastewater Discharged from West-Bank Outfall (prior to fully transitioning discharge to the East-Bank Outfall)	37° 56' 15" N	121° 20' 05" W	San Joaquin River
	Tertiary Treated Wastewater Discharged from East-Bank Outfall	37° 56' 6" N	121° 19' 46" W	

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2. Modify the proposed language for the Fact Sheet, Section II, Facility Description, that will be included at the end of the second paragraph:

The Facility discharges tertiary treated effluent to the San Joaquin River. The discharge occurs at either the west-bank outfall or the new east-bank outfall being constructed in 2023.

3. Modify the proposed language for the Fact Sheet, Section II.B.2., Discharge Points and Receiving Waters.

Treated municipal wastewater is discharged at Discharge Point No. 001 to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States within the legal boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The discharge occurs at either the west bank outfall at latitude 37° 56' 15" N and longitude -121° 20' 05" W or at the new east-bank outfall at latitude 37° 56' 6" N and longitude 121° 19' 46" W. Discharge from the new east-bank outfall will occur while commissioning the outfall and upon fully ceasing discharge from the west-bank outfall.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 209-937-7425 or our consultant, Paul Bedore of Robertson-Bryan, Inc. at 916-405-8918 for any questions.

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