
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Extension of Deadlines for 13267 Order, United States Bureau of Land Management, Ukiah Field Office

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) staff received a request from the United States Bureau of Land Management (USBLM) on 22 April 2020 for an extension of the final, technical report required to be submitted by 26 June 2020 pursuant to the California Water Code section 13267 Order issued to USBLM on 24 September 2019. This technical report is required to gather information regarding the Clear Lake Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), under which USBLM is a responsible party. The request was received in response to concerns from the COVID-19 (virus) pandemic.

On 13 May 2020, Central Valley Water Board issued a suspension of the 13267 Order. As such, the original compliance date of 26 June 2020 was suspended until restrictions related to COVID-19 lifted.

Due to the complexity of current restrictions, the Central Valley Water Board is reactivating the 13267 with an extended deadline. The final assessment is now required to be submitted by 01 February 2021.

The only change to the 13267 Order is the deadline extension and all other requirements remain the same. As outlined in the 13267 Order, the assessment must include:

- A comparison of pre- and post-TMDL management practices,

- An evaluation of the effectiveness of management practices implemented by USBLM,
- Applicable monitoring data that has not previously been submitted to the Board,
- A total number of acres implementing current management practices,
- Summary of total acres associated with each current management practice, and
- Information regarding management practices utilized in the Cow Mountain Recreation Area to address potential erosion impacts from recreational activities as well as USBLM's process for handling illegal Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and
- An estimate of the load reduction from USBLM based on the implementation of management practices compared to the TMDL load allocation. To demonstrate an estimate of the load reduction, USBLM can point to scientific literature to demonstrate how effective management practices are and/or use credible assumptions based on the land to calculate the load reduction, and
- Any changes in management practices caused by wildfires. The Board understands that management practices may have changed over time due to post-fire management. At this time, staff is requesting information on additional management practices that were used due to fires and any usual management practices that were not implemented due to fire management. In addition, the Board is requesting an estimate of load reduction or increase based on post-fire management practices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Taran Sahota at taranjot.sahota@waterboards.ca.gov.

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