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NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELY ON FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT TERTIARY TREATMENT PLANT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON

PROJECT TYPE: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Document, Master Reclamation Permit (Water Code Section 13523.1)

DATE ACCEPTED: July 22, 2008

PROJECT NAME: Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant

PROJECT LOCATION: Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton
Camp Pendleton, California

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FACILITY OWNER: Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

REGIONAL BOARD CONTACT: Robert Pierce, Water Resources Control Engineer
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Please be advised that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) intends to rely on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tertiary Treatment Plant and Associated Facilities dated April 2004, and Supplemental Environmental Assessment, P-110 Wastewater Conveyance System dated February 2007, when it considers adoption of a Master Reclamation Permit for the Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant (SRTTP). The Regional Board received a report of waste discharge (ROWD) for the Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant (SRTTP) located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The Regional Board intends to consider adoption of a Master Reclamation Permit as contained in Tentative Order R9-2008-0089. As the lead agency under CEQA, the Regional Board finds that the EIS and supplement, prepared by the Department of the Navy, satisfies the CEQA requirements for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to requirements found in California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, section 15120 through 15132.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the EIS has undergone public notice and review. The EIS considers mitigation measures and analyzes growth-inducing impacts associated with the proposed project. This notice is solely for the use of the EIS as the

CEQA document, and the notification fulfills the circulation of documents requirement pursuant California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15225 and 15087.

Project Description

Under the Tentative Order, the SRTTP will recycle as much tertiary treated wastewater as practically feasible. The SRTTP will operate as a replacement for Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) 1, 2, 3, and 13, which will be converted to pump stations to convey raw sewage toward the SRTTP for tertiary treatment. New piping will be installed to convey the recycled water for discharge as irrigation within the boundaries of Camp Pendleton. Irrigation with tertiary treated wastewater will be limited to uses at a golf course, horse pasture, parade grounds and landscaping. The 300-acre-foot Lemon Grove Ponds will be used for storage and the Oceanside Ocean Outfall, under a separate National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit (CA0109347), will act as the fail-safe discharge point in the event the reclaimed water volume exceeds the reuse capacity.

FEIS Preparation and Circulation

A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on April 25, 2001 regarding the development of the EIS. A public scoping meeting was advertised in the Union-Tribune and North County Times, and held on June 19, 2001 to discuss the EIS. The Department of the Navy circulated the completed EIS to public agencies and interested parties in April 2004. The Regional Board received a report of waste discharge for the SRTTP on February 15, 2008. The Regional Board received the EIS and supplement as supporting documents for the ROWD on April 2, 2008. The ROWD and accompanying engineering report contain the final project specifications from the Marine Corps Base. The final project was reduced from the proposed alternative, and therefore remains within the scope presented in the EIS.

CEQA Document Availability

The FEIS and Supplement and related documents are available on the Regional Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml.

The FEIS and Supplement are also available for review upon request at the Regional Board office. Please contact Sylvia Wellnitz at SWellnitz@waterboards.ca.gov or (858) 637-5593.

The Tentative Master Reclamation Permit and related documents may be obtained from the Regional Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml .

The Tentative Master Reclamation Permit for the above project will be considered by the Regional Board at a public meeting scheduled for:

Date: September 10, 2008

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: Rancho California Water District Board Room
42135 Winchester Road
Temecula, California

For more information regarding the meeting, visit
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>.