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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT TENTATIVE MASTER RECLAMATION PERMIT TERTIARY TREATMENT PLANT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON

PROJECT TYPE:
Master Reclamation Permit Tentative Order R9-2008-0089

DATE ACCEPTED:
July 22, 2008

PROJECT NAME:
Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant

PROJECT LOCATION:
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California

FACILITY CONTACT:
Khalique Khan, Environmental Engineering Division Head (760) 725-9753

FACILITY OWNER:
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

REGIONAL BOARD CONTACT: Robert Pierce, Water Resources Control Engineer (958) 627-3925

Please be advised that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) intends to consider adoption of a Master Reclamation Permit (MRP) under the authority of California Water Code section 136231, as Tentative Order R9-2008-0089. The Tentative Order will be considered for adoption at a public hearing to be held during the Regional Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: September 10, 2008

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

The Regional Board has a primary interest in the development of facilities to recycle wastewater to supplement water supplies. The Regional Board received a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and Engineering Report for the Southern Region Tertiary Treatment Plant (SRTTP), located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, dated February 14, 2008. The document was prepared by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest Division and the contracted plant operator Camp Dresser, McKee. The SRTTP will recycle wastewater for reuse as irrigation at Camp Pendleton. The discharge (recycling) of treated wastewater poses a potential threat to the beneficial uses of ground water. The Master Reclamation Permit describes the design and operating standards for the SRTTP intended to protect those beneficial uses.

Project Description
The Department of the Navy finalized the Record of Decision, on June 17, 2004, for construction of the SRTTP. 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 pastures, parade grounds, and landscaping. The 300-acre-foot Lemon Grove Ponds will be used for storage and the Ocean-side Ocean Duffall, under a separate National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit (CA0199347), will act as the fail-safe discharge point in the event the reclaimed water volume exceeds the reuse capacity. This Tentative Order does not authorize a discharge to waters of the United States.

Document Availability
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/boards_decisions/tentative_orders/

Copies of the tentative Order can also be obtained from the Regional Board and are available for review upon request at the Regional Board office. Please contact Sylvia Wellnitz at:
SWellnitz@waterboards.ca.gov
(858) 637-5932.

Questions and Comments
Interested persons may also attend the meeting and make oral comments concerning the Tentative Order. The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the meeting procedures established in Title 23, California Code of Regulations, section 647, et. seq. The procedures will be set forth in the agenda for the September 10 meeting, which will be available approximately three weeks before the scheduled meeting.

The Regional Board will accept comments during a thirty day public comment period commencing on August 10, 2008. Written comments regarding the Tentative Order R9-2008-0089 must be submitted by September 3, 2008. Written comments may be submitted to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
Attn: Robert Pierce,
Northern San Diego
County Ground Water
Unit 91745ky
Park Ct #100
San Diego, CA 92123

For more information regarding the meeting, visit:
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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.

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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:

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or (858) 637-5593.

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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/>.

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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

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