
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 13, 2016

Mr. Matt Thompson
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City of Paso Robles
Wastewater Division Manager

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr. Thompson:

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT TIME SCHEDULE ORDER NO. R3-2016-0033, CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, WIDID 3 400105001

This letter transmits draft Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R3-2016-0033 for the City of El Paso de Robles Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

On April 6, 2016, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) requested a technical report and additional sampling for trihalomethanes (THMs) based on repeated quarterly effluent violations since the WWTP upgrades were completed in 2015. The City replied in letters dated May 12 and May 19, 2016, and included a proposal for increased process control sampling.

Recent process control sampling indicates that the City is making measureable progress to successfully implement chloramination as a disinfection strategy; however, the formation of THMs continues to violate final effluent limitations. The City is unable to immediately achieve compliance with the THMs limitations using chloramination, and this is a direct result of the City's recent upgrades to meet requirements for nitrogen removal.

The attached draft TSO provides an opportunity for the City to make the necessary operational adjustments and potential equipment procurement to achieve compliance via chloramination. If chloramination cannot be successfully implemented, the TSO will require the City to develop an alternate disinfection approach to meet THMs effluent limitations.

In accordance with California Water Code section 13167.5, the Central Coast Water Board is providing notice and a comment period of 30 days for proposed Order No. R3-2016-0033. Interested persons may download the proposed TSO from the Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Persons wishing to comment on the draft Order must submit comments in writing to the address below no later than July 14, 2016. Comments submitted after that date will not be accepted into the record. Please send comments to: Katie.disimone@waterboards.ca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Katie DiSimone at (805) 542-4638 or Sheila Soderberg at (805) 549-3592.

Sincerely,

for John M. Robertson
Executive Officer

Attachment: Draft Order No. R3-2016-0033

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