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SUBJECT: City of Fresno and Copper River Ranch, LLC; Consolidated Land Company and Consolidated Industries, Inc.; and Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District; North Fresno Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF); Fresno County - *Consideration of New NPDES Permit.*

BACKGROUND: The City of Fresno proposes to recycle and discharge up to 0.71 million gallons per day of tertiary treated domestic wastewater from the North Fresno Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRF). The WWRF will provide sewerage service for Copper River Ranch, a 760-acre planned community development. Copper River Ranch, LLC, the project developer is building the WWRF and will transfer ownership and operation of the WWRF to the City after startup. Effluent from the WWRF will irrigate the Copper River Country Club golf course owned and operated by Consolidated Land Company and Consolidated Industries, Inc. During the wet-weather months, effluent will be discharged to Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Basin DE. FMFCD will use effluent discharged to Basin DE to irrigate landscaped areas within the basin. As determined by FMFCD, stormwater and excess effluent will be discharged through FMFCD structures to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States. The City prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and this Order incorporates the water quality mitigation measures identified in it.

On 3 May 2006, Regional Water Board staff circulated for public comment tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (TWDRs). At the City's request, the TWDRs were postponed from the 22/23 June 2006 meeting. The comment period closed on 23 June 2006. Comments were received from the City, the FMFCD, and the Central Valley Clean Water Association. Based upon these comments, revisions were made to clarify and correct the TWDRs, but the revisions were not so substantial as to require public recirculation of the TWDRs.

- ISSUES:     1) FMFCD responsibilities relative to surface water discharge.  
              2) California Sportfishing Protection Alliance may have issues  
                  similar to what it raised concerning other recent permits.

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