

ITEM: 22

SUBJECT: Collins Pine Company, Chester Sawmill, Plumas County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Cease and Desist Order*

BACKGROUND: Collins Pine Company, Chester Sawmill (Discharger) owns and operates a sawmill and wood-burning cogeneration power facility in Chester, Plumas County. The Discharger diverts up to 1 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from the North Fork Feather River. Approximately 360,000 gallons per day (gpd) of water is used in the power plant and sawmill and the remaining bypasses the facility. The facility consists of a sawmill, planing mill, wood fired steam-generating power plant, and wet and dry decks for log storage. Wastes generated from the facility include cooling tower blowdown water, electrostatic precipitator water, boiler mud drum blowdown water, boiler steam drum blowdown, compressor cooling water, feedwater pump cooling water, demineralizer and reverse osmosis concentrate, front ash hopper overflow, ash, wood waste, and storm water runoff. Effluent from the fire pond and ash settling pond discharges to Stover Ditch, a tributary to Lake Almanor.

On 5 February 2009, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2009-0015, NPDES Permit CA0004391. Order R5-2009-0015 prescribed WDRs for the Discharger and contained, in part, final effluent limitations for copper and lead for which the Discharger could not immediately comply. Order R5-2009-0015 contained a time schedule which required the Discharger to come into compliance with final copper and lead effluent limitations by 18 May 2010.

Since 18 May 2010, the Discharger had been unable to consistently comply with final effluent limitations for copper and lead and on 6 February 2015, after the Discharger submitted a request and justification for more time to come into compliance with final effluent limitations for copper and lead, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2015-0007. The Discharger made diligent progress towards achieving compliance and met submittal requirements as outlined in TSO R5-2015-0007, however, at this point in time the Discharger has elected to pursue an alternative project for achieving compliance with the WDRs. The proposed Cease and Desist Order describes the Discharger's new compliance project and establishes dates for completion of the project. The proposed Cease and Desist Order will rescind TSO R5-2015-0007 and requirements and interim effluent limitations contained in TSO R5-2015-0007 will be incorporated into the proposed Cease and Desist Order.

ISSUES: This item is uncontested at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

Mgmt. Review __BJS, 11/5/2015_____

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