October 11, 2013

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIERRA TAHOE READY MIX, INC (WDID 6A090099000)

Enclosed is a Proposed Board Order to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) prescribed by Board Order No. 6-00-26 for Sierra Tahoe Ready Mix, Inc. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) requests you review the Proposed Board Order and provide your written comments no later than **November 4, 2013**. Comments received after that date may not be considered in preparation for the final Proposed Board Order to be presented to the Water Board for its consideration at a public meeting to be held on **November 13, 2013**, at the Water Board's Annex Hearing Room at 971 Silver Dollar Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

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Enclosure: Proposed Board Order

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

BOARD ORDER NO. R6T-2013-00XX (PROPOSED)

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR

SIERRA TAHOE READY MIX, INC.
WDID 6A090099000

El Dorado County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) finds:

1. Discharger and Facility Description

   Michael Wallace is President and General Manager of Sierra Tahoe Ready Mix, Inc. For the purpose of this Order, Michael Wallace is the "Discharger," and the "Facility" is defined as the Sierra Tahoe Ready Mix, Inc. The material discharged is storm water associated with industrial activities.

   The Facility is a ready-mix concrete batch plant located at 1526 Emerald Bay Road in South Lake Tahoe, and is within the Upper Truckee River watershed (Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit 634.00).

2. Permit History

   Storm water discharges from the Facility are currently regulated under individual Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs), Board Order No. 6-00-26, adopted by the Water Board on April 13, 2000. Storm water discharges from the Facility are also subject to regulation under the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ (Industrial General Permit).

3. Reason for Action

   Both permits require the Discharger to meet discharge specifications that include effluent and receiving water limitations that reduce pollutants in storm water runoff. However, the effluent limits in the Industrial General Permit are limited to Best Management Practices (BMPs), whereas the effluent limits in Board Order No. 6-00-26 are specified as numeric limitations for certain constituents such as turbidity, nitrogen, and phosphorus; certain BMPs are also otherwise required. Both permits also require the Discharger to conduct regular facility inspections, implement corrective actions as necessary, and collect and analyze storm water discharge samples. Separate annual fees apply and are charged for each permit; therefore, the Discharger has requested to reduce duplicative requirements and annual fees.

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4. Basis for Rescission

Board Order No. 6-00-26 also requires the Discharger to complete certain facility improvements to control erosion and sediment discharges from the Facility. These include:

a. Interim Operation Plan including detention pond and sweeping improvements (Provision No. II.A.2.).
b. BMP Plan implementation (Provision No. II.A.3.).

The Discharger provided the following to demonstrate compliance with requirements of Board Order No. 6-00-26:

i. Upgraded and revised facility operations site map and detailed description of operation changes to reflect compliance with facility improvements as noted in 4.a., above.
ii. BMP certificates of completion from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (dated May 18, 2012) that demonstrate compliance with the facility improvements as noted in 4.b., above.

These documents demonstrate that the Discharger has met the substantive requirements of the individual WDRs.

5. Comparison of BMP and Monitoring Requirements

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 6-00-26A2 requires discharge samples to be collected at least once annually. The Industrial General Permit requires storm water runoff sampling during a minimum of two storm events per year that result in discharges. Additionally, the Industrial General Permit requires the Discharger to develop and implement a site-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to control pollutants in storm water and non-storm water discharges. The SWPPP was updated in August 2013. Therefore, the Industrial General Permit provides adequate monitoring requirements for the conditions and discharge characteristics at the Facility that are equivalent or greater than those specified by Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 6-00-26A2.

6. Conclusions

Storm water discharges from the Facility are currently regulated under two separate permits, Board Order No. 6-00-26 and the Industrial General Permit. There is a high degree of duplication and similarity in the requirements for each permit, and separate annual fees are charged. The Discharger has provided documentation to the Water Board that installed upgrades at the Facility comply with BMPs and other control provisions specified by Board Order No. 6-00-26. Additionally, the Water Board regulates storm water discharges from similar facilities throughout its region solely under the Industrial General Permit. Therefore, it is in the public interest to rescind Board Order No. 6-00-26, since the Facility will continue to be appropriately regulated under the Industrial General Permit.

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7. California Environmental Quality Act

   Rescission of the WDRs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with section 15321, title 14, California Code of Regulations.

8. Notification of Interested Parties

   The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested parties of its intent to rescind Board Order No. 6-00-26. Opportunity to comment was provided starting in August 2013 using U.S. mail, e-mail, and internet posting.

9. Public Meeting

   The Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Board Order No. 6-00-26.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT pursuant to Water Code sections 13260 and 13263, Board Order No. 6-00-26 is hereby rescinded.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on November 13, 2013.

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PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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