

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

November 18, 2013

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AMENDING BOARD ORDER R6T-2004-0028 FOR THE SORENSON'S RESORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, ALPINE COUNTY (WDID 6A020009000)

Enclosed is a Tentative Board Order for the Sorenson's Resort LLC. (Discharger). The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) is considering amending Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharger's wastewater treatment systems (Facility). The Facility is currently regulated under Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028; the tentative Order will amend effluent requirements in the current Order.

The Water Board requests that you review the tentative Order and provide your written comments no later than **December 20, 2013**. Comments received after that date may not be considered in preparation for the final proposed Order to be presented to the Water Board for consideration at the public meeting to be held on February 12, 2014, in the Board Hearing Room at the Water Board's Annex office located at 971 Silver Dollar Ave, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151.

Approximately 10 to 15 days prior to each meeting, the Water Board publishes its agenda on the Internet at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>. If you prefer to receive a hard copy of the Water Board meeting agenda, please contact me at (530) 542-5467.

for 
Robert Tucker
Water Resource Control Engineer

Enclosures:

1. Response Form
2. Tentative Order

....NOTICE....

Submittal of Written Material for Regional Board Consideration

In order to ensure that the Water Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, it is necessary to submit it at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This will allow distribution of material to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Pursuant to Title 23 California Code of Regulations Section 648.4, the Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of the written testimony, the Water Board may refuse to admit it.

A copy of the procedures governing Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq.

Complete Form and Return

TO: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region

SUBJECT: Comments on Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for Sorensen's Resort Wastewater Treatment Systems

- We concur with tentative requirements
- We concur; comments attached
- We do not concur; comments attached

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**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**BOARD ORDER NO. R6T-2014-Tentative
AN ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. R6T-2004-0028
WDID 6A020009000**

**REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
SORENSEN'S RESORT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

ALPINE COUNTY

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

1. Discharger

The Sorensen's Resort is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) that is currently operated by John and Patricia Brissenden. Sorensen's Resort LLC is the "Discharger" for the purposes of this Order, and for the purposes of Order No. R6T-2004-0082, adopted on July 27, 2004.

2. Background on Facility and Reason For Action

The Sorensen's Resort consists of 25 individual cabins, one three-unit cabin, a café and a small laundry facility. The Resort's wastewater is treated by a small onsite package treatment plant (Facility). The original package treatment system as described in Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028 was an activated sludge system with free-floating suspended media for biofilm growth, a clarifier, and sand filter followed by ultraviolet disinfection. The Facility systems have been modified following troubleshooting and the Facility now functions as a trickling filter, after which the effluent is clarified, filtered by sand, and dosed with chlorine for disinfection.

The Facility is authorized to dispose of treated effluent by discharge to land either through onsite waste disposal systems or by way of the South Tahoe Public Utility District (District) export line for all District wastewater exported out of the Lake Tahoe watershed basin. The Facility is connected to the District's C-line but is not discharging into the C-line because, at the request of the District (the C-line owner), the Facility must meet effluent limits identical to those of the District before discharge into the C-line. The Facility has thus far been unable to consistently meet all applicable Water Board requirements for discharge into the C-line.

On February 12, 2014, the Water Board considered adopting amended WDRs affecting District effluent limits for chemical oxygen demand (COD), turbidity, and settleable solids applicable to discharges to the C-line. The purpose of this Order is to amend Board Order R6T-2004-0028 by deleting the effluent limitations for COD, turbidity, and settleable solids applicable to the C-line, to maintain consistency with amended District WDRs. The Executive Officer shall follow-up this Order by amending Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 2004-0028 to eliminate associated MRP requirements.

3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

The Water Board has determined that the revocation of limitations is categorically exempt according to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 14, section 15321(a)(2), for actions by a regulatory agency.

4. Notification and Consideration of Comments

The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested parties of its intent to issue amended WDRs for the discharge. A notice of the availability of a draft order was also provided by posting a copy of the tentative WDRs to the Water Board internet website on November 19, 2013. The Water Board has considered comments provided in accordance with applicable time limits, and adopted this Order at a public meeting following opportunity to comment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Water Code Section 13263, that Board Order R6T-2004-0028 must incorporate the following changes made by this amending Order No. R6T-2014-(Tentative). With reference to Board Order No. R6T-2004-0028, deletions are shown with strikethrough text.

Amendments

1. On page 6, the tabulation, with footnotes, under section I. Discharge Specifications 1. Effluent Limitations, No. 1, is amended as follows:

I. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATONS

A. Effluent Limitations

1. The Facility effluent discharged to the District's C Line, as measured prior to the point of entry into the C Line, shall not exceed the following limits:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Mean¹</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>BOD²</u>	<u>mg/l</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>COD³</u>	<u>mg/l</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>Suspended Solids</u>	<u>mg/l</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Settleable Solids</u>	<u>ml/l</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0.1</u>
<u>Turbidity</u>	<u>NTU</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>

Footnote 3 describes "Chemical Oxygen Demand" and is also deleted as follows:
~~³Chemical Oxygen Demand.~~

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 February 12, 2014.

PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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