JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS[1]

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Goleta Sanitary District

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (EPA) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) are jointly issuing the following notice of proposed actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and regulations thereunder, and Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations thereunder. The EPA and Regional Board are proposing to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to the Goleta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1 William Moffett Place, Goleta, CA, for its wastewater treatment plant. This sewage treatment plant discharges blended secondary and advanced-primary treated municipal wastewater to the Pacific Ocean through an outfall approximately one mile offshore. The District is proposing a ten-year upgrade of the facility to full secondary treatment standards. The Regional Board's participation in the NPDES permit issuance will ensure that all applicable State water quality standards are satisfied, and as such, the Regional Board intends that issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements will serve as its certification of the permit under CWA section 401 and 40 CFR Section 124.54.

The EPA and the Regional Board will hold a joint public hearing on these proposed actions at **8:30 a.m. on November 19, 2004 at the Regional Board's offices, at the above address. The hearing may be changed to December 3, 2004. Please contact the EPA or the Regional Board for further information on the hearing date.**

The Administrative Record, which includes the draft permit, fact sheet, comments received, permit application, 301(h) tentative decision and other related documents are available for review at the addresses above, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. The fact sheet describes a pending settlement agreement between the Regional Board and the District that relates to the District's proposed upgrade. Interested persons may submit written comments or objections on the draft permit by mail to the attention of Terry Fleming at the U.S. EPA and Todd Stanley at the Regional Board at the above addresses. The Regional Board also invites comments on the proposed settlement agreement. Comments may also be e-mailed to fleming.terrence@epa.gov and Tstanley@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov. Comments or objections must be received by **November 5, 2004.** All timely comments or objections will be considered in the formulation of final staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge.

Interested persons are invited to attend to express their views on the proposed action. Persons making presentations should confine their statements to this issue. For the accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be submitted in writing by **November 5, 2004**. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. All comments or objections received by the close

[1] This notice was revised on October 6 to change the comment due date from November 4 to November 5, 2004.

of the public hearing will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the draft permit.

The Regional Board will be asked to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements at the close of the public hearing. When public interest warrants, the Regional Board Chair and the EPA Hearing Officer may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections. The Regional Board Chair may also continue the public hearing for consideration of adoption of the Waste Discharge Requirements.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Regional Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, it will become effective 33 days following the date it is mailed to the discharger, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit, or participated in the public hearing.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons who would be interested in this matter.