

ITEM: 14

SUBJECT: Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water General Order, All Counties in Region 5

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES General Order Renewal (NPDES No. CAG995002)*

BACKGROUND: On 31 May 2013, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2013-0073 (NPDES Permit No. CAG995002) for Limited Threat Discharges of Treated/Untreated Groundwater from Cleanup Sites, Wastewater from Superchlorination Projects, and Other Limited Threat Wastewaters to Surface Water, also referred to as the Limited Threat General Order. This General Order (GO) provides regulatory coverage for non-domestic wastewater discharged to surface water that, through treatment, is able to consistently comply with water quality criteria, and therefore deemed a limited threat to water quality. WDRs Order R5-2013-0073 was amended on 6 June 2014.

The proposed renewal of the Limited Threat GO would include low threat, limited threat, and liquid mine waste discharges defined respectively as Tiers 1, 2, and 3. This allows for future Low Threat GO applicants to be covered under the Limited Threat GO, reducing the confusion for applicants as to which GO they qualify under. The Limited Threat GO also allows for differentiation between types of discharges for sampling requirements but does not prevent simple amendments to quickly move discharges between Tiers 1A and 1B. The distinctions between discharge types are described below:

Tier 1: Clean or relatively pollutant-free wastewaters that pose little or no threat to water quality.

Tier 1A: Discharges of less than 0.25 million gallons per day (MGD) and/or less than 4 months in duration (or as determined by the Executive Officer); and

Tier 1B: Discharges greater than or equal to 0.25 MGD and/or greater than or equal to 4 months in duration (or as determined by the Executive Officer).

Tier 2: Discharges that may contain toxic organic constituents, volatile organic compounds, pesticides, inorganic constituents, chlorine, and/or other chemical constituents that require treatment prior to discharge.

Tier 3: Discharges of wastewater from hard rock mines.

ISSUES: A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to all GO enrollees and interested parties on 26 August 2016 for a 30-day comment period closing on 26 September 2016. No comments have been received to date.

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