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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 97-10-DWQ-R5029, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, H. V. EASTMAN LAKE CHOWCHILLA RECREATION AREA, MADERA COUNTY

We reviewed the supplemental information, dated 21 September, 10 October and 11 October, to the Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) dated 26 December 1997. The RWD describes existing waste discharges to land from three on-site septic tank wastewater treatment and disposal facilities serving three areas at the United States Army Corps of Engineers' H. V. Eastman Lake: Administration Area, Chowchilla Recreation Area, and Cordorniz Recreation Area. The supplemental information includes design plans certified by a professional civil engineer, a flow diagram, effluent characterization, a brief description of storm water management, and a \$1,200 application fee (\$400 for each facility).

Based on information provided in the RWD, we have determined that the discharge to land from each on-site septic tank wastewater treatment and disposal facility (facility) meets the conditions for approval under the enclosed Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (General Order). All the requirements contained within the General Order described as applicable to "All Small Domestic Systems", "Activated Sludge Systems", and "Subsurface Disposal Systems" apply to your discharge. You are hereby assigned General Order No. 97-10-DWQ-R5029 for the Chowchilla Recreation Area facility.

FACILITY LOCATION

The facility is in southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, T8S, R18E, MDB&M, as shown on Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made part of the Notice of Applicability (NOA) by reference. The United States Army Corps of Engineers owns and operates the facility and is hereafter referred to as Discharger. Surface water drainage is to the Chowchilla River. The beneficial uses of the Chowchilla River at Eastman Lake are municipal and domestic supply; agricultural supply; water contact and noncontact water recreation; warm freshwater habitat and wildlife habitat.

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FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The facility treats up to 11,500 gallons per day of domestic wastewater from three park restrooms and consists of two 3,000-gallon septic tanks, one 5,500-gallon septic tank, and a lined evaporation pond.

The Discharger employs the following best management practices in operating the facility: weekly inspection of the disposal pond for standing water, woody plant growth and ground squirrel activity; removal of septic tank sludge by a licensed contractor when sludge content reaches 10% of tank capacity; annual septic tank inspection; and, annual weed control by a licensed herbicide applicator along the perimeter of the lined disposal pond. The Discharger disposes of sludge at an authorized landfill.

This NOA regulates the Chowchilla Recreation Area facility.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. The facility shall be operated in accordance with the Discharger's submittals (RWD, Attachments and Addenda) and the requirements contained in the General Order.
2. Influent flow to the facility's septic tank shall not exceed 11,500 gallons per day. Discharge of waste constituents other than those typical of domestic wastewater is prohibited.
3. Sludge removal and septage hauling records shall be kept and reported annually in the July monitoring report.
4. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described in this NOA is prohibited.
5. Prior to transfer of facility ownership from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or prior to authorization of a new site operator, the Discharger shall submit an amended Report of Waste Discharge to document the change.
6. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board) until the NOA is officially terminated.
7. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order and this letter authorizing applicability could result in enforcement actions as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.
8. The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 97-10-DWQ, which is attached hereto and made part of the NOA by reference.
9. The Discharger shall comply with the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements*, dated 1 March 1991, which are attached hereto and by reference

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a part of this NOA. This attachment and its individual paragraphs are commonly referenced as *Standard Provision(s)*.

It is emphasized that conformance with the monitoring and reporting requirements described in this General Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program is not optional. Failure to perform the required monitoring and reporting may result in enforcement action, which could include monetary liability.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Amy Simpson at (559) 445-6187.



for GARY M. CARLTON
Executive Officer

Enclosures - Attachments:

A - Map

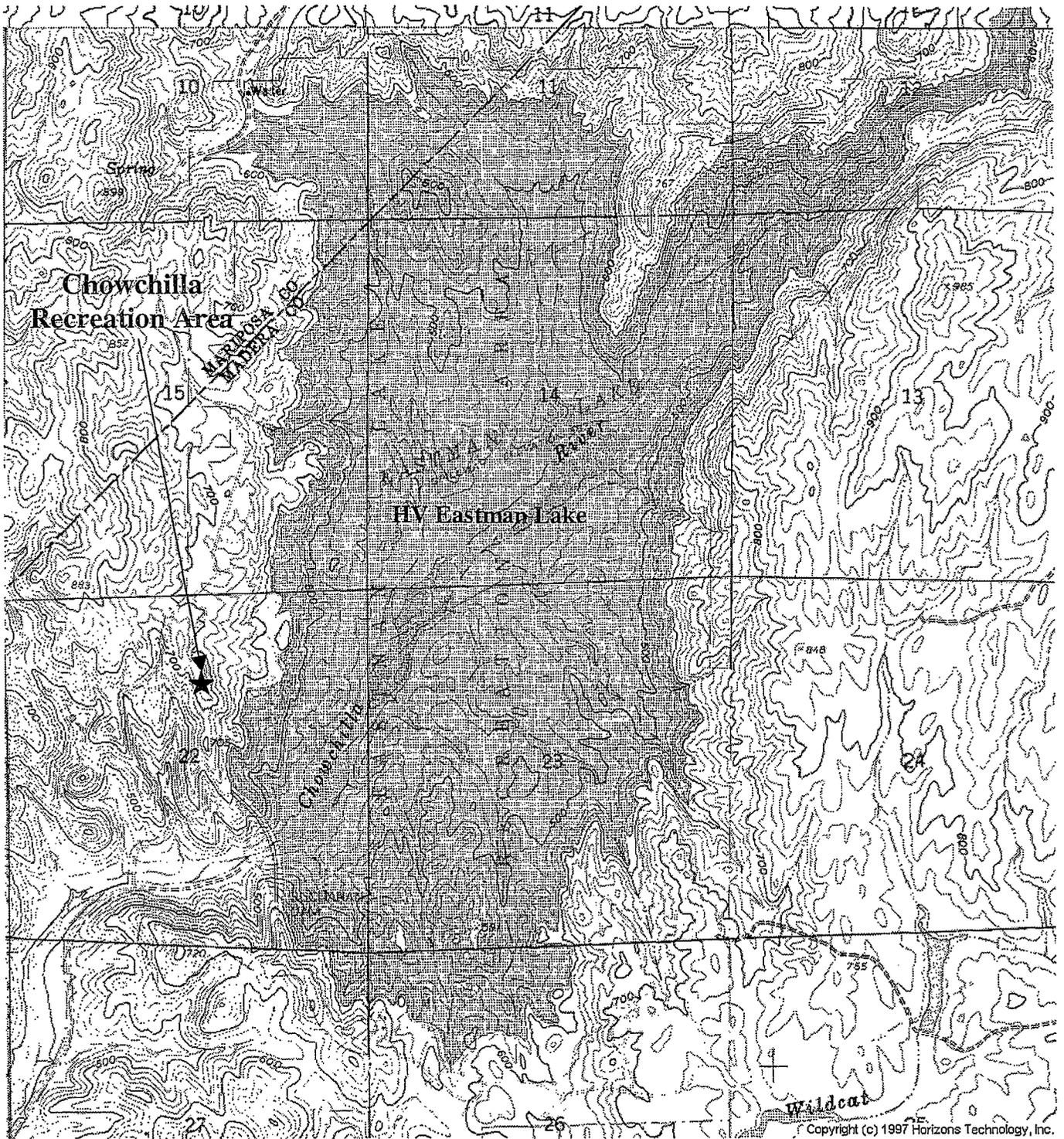
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Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements

cc:w/attachments only:

Madera County Environmental Health Department
Madera County Planning Department



**ATTACHMENT A
LOCATION MAP
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Section 22, T8S, R18E MDB&M, USGS 7.5' Raymond Quadrangle**