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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 97-10-DWQ, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, BADGER PASS SKI AREA, WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MARIPOSA COUNTY

The Badger Pass Ski Area Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) currently discharges effluent to a septic tank leach field system during the winter months. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 79-72 currently regulates the discharge. The WDRs are obsolete, inconsistent with current plans and policies of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), and need to be updated.

On 22 April 2011, Central Valley Water Board staff received your letter requesting coverage of the discharge under *Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (hereafter General Order).

Based on the findings of the original WDRs, recent information from self-monitoring reports and communication with you, the discharge meets the conditions of the General Order. The discharge is hereby covered under *Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*. The facility is assigned Notice of Applicability No. 97-10-DWQ-R5072.

The following requirements contained within the General Order apply to the subject discharge:

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1. All section A Prohibitions;
2. Section B. Requirement Nos. 1.a-1.d, 2.a-2.d, and 5.a-5.b,
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations,
4. Section D. Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v, 2.a-2.b, 4 and
5. All Attachment B, Standard Provisions and Reporting for Waste Discharge Requirements.

The following sections of Attachment A, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 97-10-DWQ, apply to the discharge:

1. Septic Tank Monitoring,
2. Reporting.

LOCATION

The Discharger operates the WWTF located along the northern fringe of Monroe Meadow, a bowl shaped depression at an elevation of approximately 7200 feet, in Section 22, T3S, R21E, MDB&M.

The WWTF is in the San Joaquin River Basin. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition* (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve water quality objectives for all waters of the Basin.

DESCRIPTION

In 1975, the WWTF consisted of separating the sewage into two components, toilet wastes and the remaining "grey water" wastes. The "grey water" waste was discharged to a septic tank, then a leach field system. Alternatively, the toilet waste was processed through a low water use, air assisted flush system which also discharged to a septic tank and leach field.

Currently, wastewater from the ski lodge drains via a sanitary sewer to two septic tanks. The kitchen wastewater is diverted through grease traps before entering the sewer main. After entering the septic tanks, the wastewater is pumped to a leach field located west of Badger Pass Ski Area. The WWTF is designed to discharge 4,500 gallons per day. In 2006, the WWTF was upgraded, where sewer lines west of the ski lodge were replaced.

The only natural surface water adjacent to the site is Grouse Creek, a small perennial stream. The beneficial uses for the ground waters of the State are: municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and agricultural supply.

Groundwater levels surrounding the WWTF range from saturated during the spring and summer months to approximately 6 feet below the ground surface during the fall and winter months.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, the following also pertains to the Discharger:

1. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described above is prohibited.
2. The WWTF shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
3. The waste discharge shall not directly enter surface waters or surface water drainage courses.
4. 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.
5. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order and this letter authorizing applicability, including its supplemental monitoring and reporting requirements (MRP No. R5-2010-0806), could result in enforcement actions as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190.

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Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 97-10-DWQ
Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements