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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, COURTRIGHT LAKE VILLAGE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY INC., WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, FRESNO COUNTY

The Courtright Lake Village Mutual Water Company Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) consists of an extended aeration system with leach fields. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 94-105 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, information from self-monitoring reports and facility file, and information provided in your request, 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 (NOA) No. 97-10-DWQ-R5077.

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

1. All Section A Prohibitions,
2. Section B Requirement Nos. 1.a-1.d, 3.b-3.c, and 5.a-5.b;
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations;
4. Section D Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v; 3.a-3.b, and 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. Activated Sludge Systems Monitoring
2. Reporting.

LOCATION

The Courtright Lake Village Mutual Water Company operates the WWTF northwest of Courtright Way in Sections 36, T9S, R27E, MDB&M. The surface drainage for the area accumulates in Courtright Lake.

The WWTF is in the Tulare Lake Basin. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Revised January 2004* (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

The treatment and disposal facilities consist of an extended aeration sewage package treatment plant and an existing leach field. The WWTF services an 88 lot subdivision, wherein approximately 50 lots either contain cabins or campsites with bath houses. No commercial power is available in the area, so power outages are precluded through provision of main and backup engine powered generators. The WWTF is operated from July through October.

The natural surface water adjacent to the site is the Courtright Lake. The beneficial uses for the Courtright Lake are: water contact recreation; water noncontact recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; fresh water replenishment; hydropower generation; preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources; and preservation of rare and endangered species.

The beneficial uses of underlying groundwater identified in the Basin Plan are: municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and agricultural supply.

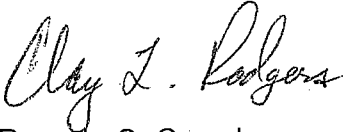
FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, the Courtright Lake Village Mutual Water Company must comply with the following:

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 enter surface waters or surface water drainage courses.

4. The Courtright Lake Village Mutual Water Company shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board), if applicable, until the NOA is officially terminated.
5. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order and this letter authorizing applicability, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, 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