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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, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, SAN LUIS RECREATION AREA/BASALT CAMP, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MERCED COUNTY

The San Luis Recreation Area/Basalt Camp Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) consists of oxidation and evaporation ponds. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 86-226 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 12 April 2011, Central Valley Water Board staff received a letter from you, 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-R5081.

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, 4, and 6.a-6.d;
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations;

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4. Section D Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v and 3.a-3.b; 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. Aerated Pond Systems Monitoring,
2. Disposal Monitoring, and
3. Reporting.

LOCATION

The California Department of Parks and Recreation operates the WWTF near the east shore of the San Luis Reservoir in Section 26, T10S, R8E, MDB&M. The surface water drainage for the area contributes to the San Luis Reservoir.

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

The treatment and disposal facilities consist of a lift station, comminutor, and two oxidation and evaporation ponds. Disposal is accomplished primarily by evaporation; percolation rates are slow in the area. The average flow for the facilities is 0.010 mgd.

The natural surface water near the site is the San Luis Reservoir. The beneficial uses of the San Luis Reservoir are municipal, industrial, and agricultural supply; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; hydro-electric power generation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources.

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.

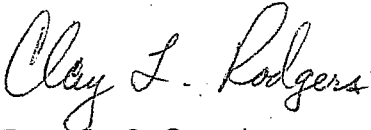
FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, the California Department of Parks and Recreation 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 California Department of Parks and Recreation 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 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