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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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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, SHAVER LAKE, SEQUOIA COUNCIL, INC., BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, CAMP CHAWANAKEE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, FRESNO COUNTY**

Sequoia Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America (Sequoia Council), owns and operates the Camp Chawanakee Wastewater Treatment System (Treatment System) at 43485 Dinkey Creek Road in Fresno County. The Treatment System consists of septic systems and leach fields. On 9 May 2012, 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 facility file, information from self-monitoring reports, 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-R5119.

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, 2.a-2.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, 2.a-2.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. Septic Tank Monitoring, and
2. Reporting.

## LOCATION

The Camp Chawanakee site covers about 400 acres of land adjacent to Shaver Lake on 3 contiguous parcels in northeastern Fresno County (within Sections 30 and 31, T9S, R25E, MDB&M). The Treatment System is distributed across the site, along Chawanakee Road. Surface water drainage is to Shaver Lake.

The Treatment System 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

Camp Chawanakee is mainly used during the summer camp season and weekends in late spring and early fall. About 5,000 youth and adult campers visit the camp each year. Camp Chawanakee consists of an administrative office, a dining hall, 6 staff cabins, and 13 shower buildings. The Treatment System consists of 18 septic systems with associated leach fields. The septic systems will accept effluent from current and projected future sewer flows from the comprehensive Camp Chawanakee Area. Calculations presented with your 9 May 2012 letter estimate each person (up to 500 at a time) will contribute approximately 30 gallons of wastewater per day for a total of up to 15,000 gallons of wastewater per day. Domestic waste from 27 vault type toilets will be trucked away periodically to a properly permitted sewage treatment facility.

The beneficial uses of adjacent Shaver Lake are municipal, domestic, industrial, and agricultural supply; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; groundwater recharge; fresh water replenishment; hydropower generation; and wildlife habitation.

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. Consistent with snowmelt in rural mountain areas, naturally-occurring water quality is expected to be excellent.

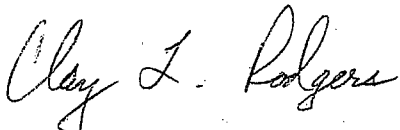
On 18 October 2012, Fresno County adopted Conditional Use Permit No. 3343 and certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a project to expand Camp Chawanakee, including new cabins, a dining hall, an administrative office, etc. Conditions of approval of the Conditional Use Permit include installation of wastewater systems consistent with a sewage disposal feasibility investigation prepared by a licensed engineer.

## FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, Sequoia Council 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 Treatment System 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. Sequoia Council 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