
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WATER QUALITY ORDER 97-10-DWQ, GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND BY SMALL DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, RAWHIDE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, RAWHIDE MOBILE HOME PARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY

The Rawhide Mobile Home Park Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) provides wastewater services to park residents. Discharges from the WWTF are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 85-126. 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 25 November 2013, the Central Valley Water Board staff received an application and letter from Rawhide Investment Corporation accepting coverage of the discharge under *Water Quality Order 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 the facility file, and information provided in the recent application, 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-R5139.

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, 4, 5, and 6.a-6.d;
3. All Section C Ground Water and Surface Water Limitations;
4. Section D Provision Nos. 1.a-1.v, 2.a-2.b, 3.a-3.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) 97-10-DWQ, apply to the discharge:

1. Septic Tank Monitoring,
2. Aerated Pond Systems Monitoring,
3. Disposal Monitoring, Pond/Basin Monitoring,
4. Recreation Vehicle (RV) Waste Monitoring, and
5. Reporting

LOCATION

Rawhide Investment Corporation (Discharger) owns and operates the WWTF. The facility is in the SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of Sections 7 and 8, respectively, T1N, R14E, MDB&M. The site lies within the Stanislaus River Hydrologic Unit (534.21) of the San Joaquin Basin. The treatment facilities are 1/4 mile uphill from the Bear Creek arm of the New Melones Reservoir.

The WWTF is in the San Joaquin River Basin. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River 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 WWTF accommodates 100 trailer sites. Treatment for 70 of the sites is provided by an aeration pond equipped with one surface aerator followed by two settling tanks. Settling tank effluent is pumped to two stabilization ponds. Wastewater from the remaining sites, which will not gravity flow to the aeration pond, is discharged directly into the stabilization ponds.

The natural surface water near the WWTF is New Melones Reservoir. The existing and potential beneficial uses of New Melones Reservoir are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, hydropower generation, water contact recreation, non-contact water recreation, cold freshwater habitat, and wildlife habitat. The Basin Plan designates the beneficial uses of groundwater as municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial service supply, and industrial process supply.


FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above requirements, the Discharger must comply with the following:

1. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described above is prohibited.
2. Public contact with wastewater from the ponds shall be controlled using fences, signs, and other appropriate means. Signs shall be posted around the ponds. Signs shall notify the public that the ponds contain un-disinfected wastewater.

3. The WWTF shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
4. The waste discharge shall not enter surface waters or surface water drainage courses.
5. 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.
6. 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 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