

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
3/4 October 2013 Board Meeting

Response to Written Comments on
Tentative Cease and Desist Order Amendment for
Quincy Community Services District
Quincy Wastewater Treatment Plant
Plumas County

At a public hearing scheduled for 3/4 October 2013, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of a tentative Cease and Desist Order (CDO) amendment, CDO R5-2010-0033, for the Quincy Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant. This document contains a response to written comments received from an interested party in response to the Tentative CDO amendment. Written comments from interested parties were required to be received by the Central Valley Water Board by 3 September 2013 in order to receive full consideration. Comments were received prior to the deadline from:

1. Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA) (received 3 September 2013)

Written comments from the above interested party is summarized below, followed by the response of Central Valley Water Board staff.

Central Valley Clean Water Association (CVCWA)

CVCWA COMMENT #1 – Re-open NPDES Order No. R5-2010-0032

CVCWA does not contest the tentative CDO amendment; however, CVCWA requests that the current NPDES permit (Order No. R5-2010-0032) be re-opened as soon as possible to include final effluent limitations for copper and lead that include dilution credits based on studies submitted by Quincy Community Services District (Discharger).

RESPONSE:

Water Board staff appreciates CVCWA's support for the proposed CDO amendment. Central Valley Water Board staff is aware that the interim effluent limitations for copper and lead in the tentative CDO will expire on 18 March 2015, thus potentially subjecting the Discharger to Mandatory Minimum Penalties if the permit is not renewed prior to the March 2015 permit expiration. In response, Water Board staff is in the process of sending a Report of Waste Discharge information needs letter to the Discharger that details the necessary information to be submitted by the Discharger in order to draft a new NPDES permit for the facility in a timely manner (i.e., before the expiration date). Further, Water Board staff will consider prioritizing the District's NPDES permit renewal in the program workplan for fiscal year 2014/2015 to ensure a timely renewal. Trying to reopen the existing permit now, rather than waiting for the planned renewal, would

result in other priority work getting delayed. Furthermore, additional information is required before new final effluent limits can be established. The proposed CDO amendment will protect the Discharger from Mandatory Minimum Penalties until the permit is renewed in 2015.