

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

**TENTATIVE MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM R5-2024-XXXX
FOR
TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
SONORA REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), which is separately issued pursuant to California Water Code section 13267, subdivision (b)(1), establishes monitoring and reporting requirements related to the waste discharges regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2024-XXXX (WDRs Order). Each of the Findings set forth in the WDRs Order, including those pertaining to the need for submission of reports, are hereby incorporated as part of this MRP.

The Tuolumne Utilities District (hereafter TUD or Discharger) owns and/or operates the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility or WWTF) subject to WDRs Order R5-2024-XXXX. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopts, or the Executive Officer issues, a revised MRP.

A glossary of terms used in this MRP is included on the last page.

This MRP may be revised by the Executive Officer, in accordance with their delegated authority under Water Code section 13223.

I. GENERAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. FLOW MONITORING

Hydraulic flow rates shall be measured at the monitoring points specified in this MRP. All flow monitoring systems shall be appropriate for the conveyance system (i.e., open channel flow or pressure pipeline) and liquid type. The measurements shall be based on flow meter readings. The method of measurement must be specified. Unless otherwise specified, each flow meter shall be equipped with a flow totalizer to allow reporting of cumulative volume as well as instantaneous flow rate. Flow meters shall be calibrated at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer; typically, at least once per year and records of calibration shall be maintained for review upon request.

B. MONITORING AND SAMPLING LOCATIONS

Samples and measurements shall be obtained at the monitoring points specified in this MRP. Central Valley Water Board staff shall approve any proposed changes to sampling locations prior to implementation of the change.

The Discharger shall monitor the following locations to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this MRP:

Table 1. Monitoring Locations

Monitoring Location	Monitoring Location Description
INF-001	Location where a representative sample of the influent from the Facility can be collected downstream of the fine screens and the grit vortex.
EFF-001	Location where a representative sample of the disinfected tertiary-treated effluent can be taken prior to discharge to TUD's reclamation system (i.e., Quartz Reservoir and Use Areas).
PWS-001	Public Water Supply for the TUD.
BIO-001	Sludge/Biosolids Monitoring.

C. SAMPLING AND SAMPLE ANALYSIS

All samples shall be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge or matrix of material sampled. Except as specified otherwise in this MRP, grab samples will be considered representative of water, wastewater, soil, solids/sludges and groundwater. The time, date, and location of each sample shall be recorded on the sample chain of custody form.

Field test instruments (such as those used to measure pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, wind speed, and precipitation) may be used provided that:

1. The operator is trained in proper use and maintenance of the instruments;
2. The instruments are field calibrated at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer;
3. The instruments are serviced and/or calibrated by the manufacturer at the recommended frequency; and
4. Field calibration reports are submitted as described in the "Reporting" section of this MRP.

Laboratory analytical procedures shall comply with the methods and holding times specified in the following (as applicable to the medium to be analyzed):

- *Methods for Organic Chemical Analysis of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater* (EPA);
- *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (EPA);
- *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes* (EPA);

- *Methods for Determination of Inorganic Substances in Environmental Samples* (EPA);
- *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* (APHA/AWWA/WEF); and
- *Soil, Plant and Water Reference Methods for the Western Region* (WREP 125).

Approved editions shall be those that are approved for use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Drinking Water’s Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The Discharger may propose alternative methods for approval by the Executive Officer. Where technically feasible, laboratory reporting limits shall be lower than the applicable water quality objectives for the constituents to be analyzed.

II. SPECIFIC MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. INFLUENT MONITORING (INF-001)

The Discharger shall monitor the influent to the Facility at Monitoring Location INF-001 as described in Table 1. At a minimum, the influent shall be monitored as specified in Table 2 below:

Table 2. Influent Monitoring (INF-001)

Constituent/Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Frequency
Flow	mgd	Metered	Continuous
pH	Std. Units	Grab	1/Week
EC	µmhos/cm	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 1 below)
BOD ₅	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 1 below)
TSS	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 1 below)

1. Influent and effluent samples to be collected on the same day.

B. EFFLUENT MONITORING (EFF-001)

The Discharger shall monitor the Sonora Regional WWTF’s discharge of disinfected tertiary-treated effluent at EFF-001, prior to discharge to TUD’s reclamation system. At a minimum, the effluent shall be monitored as specified in Table 3 below:

Table 3. Effluent Monitoring

Constituent/Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Frequency
Flow	mgd	Metered	Continuous

Constituent/Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Frequency
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 mL	Grab	1/Day
Chlorine Residual	mg/L	Continuous	Continuous
CT (see 1 below)	mg-min/L	Calculate	1/Day
Turbidity	NTU	Meter	Continuous (see 3 below)
pH	Std. Units	Grab	1/Week
EC	µmhos/cm	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 2 below)
BOD ₅	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 2 below)
TSS	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Week (see 2 below)
TDS	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Month
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Month
TKN	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Month
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Calculation or 24-hr Composite	1/Month
Standard Minerals (see 4 below)	mg/L	24-hr Composite	1/Quarter

1. CT is the product of chlorine residual and modal contact time measured at the same point.
2. Parameters monitored for both influent and effluent shall collect samples on the same day.
3. Report daily average turbidity and maximum turbidity.
4. List of analytes for standard minerals analysis included in the Glossary.

C. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY MONITORING (PWS-001)

The Discharger shall monitor the public water supply for the TUD at PWS-001. If the supply is from more than one source the sample shall be a flow-weighted average (include calculation in the self-monitoring reports) of all sources. At a minimum, the public water supply shall be monitored as specified in **Table 4** below. In addition, the Discharger shall submit a copy of TUD's most recent Consumer Confidence Report for each 4th quarter monitoring report.

Table 4 - Source Water Monitoring

Constituent/Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Frequency
EC	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Quarter

D. SLUDGE/BIOSOLIDS MONITORING (BIO-001)

The Discharger shall provide the laboratory reports for its quarterly monitoring of arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, and zinc (dry weight basis) conducted to fulfill its monitoring and reporting requirements under 40 CFR part 503. A log shall be kept of sludge quantities generated and handling, application, and disposal activities. The frequency of entries is discretionary; however, the log should be complete enough to serve as a basis for part of the Fourth Quarter Annual Monitoring Report.

III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All monitoring reports should be converted to a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50MB should be emailed to: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to the following address:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Region 5 – Fresno Office
1685 “E” St.
Fresno, California 93706

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or transmittal sheet:

Program: Non-15,
Facility: Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
Order: WDRs Order R5-2024-XXXX
County: Tuolumne
Place ID: 257763

A transmittal letter shall accompany each monitoring report. The letter shall include a discussion of all violations of this MRP during the reporting period and actions taken or planned for correcting each violation. If the Discharger has previously submitted a report describing corrective actions taken and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory. The transmittal letter shall contain a statement by the Discharger or the Discharger’s authorized agent certifying under penalty of perjury that the report is true, accurate and complete to the best of the signer’s knowledge. The transmittal letter shall contain the following penalty of perjury statement and shall be signed by the Discharger or the Discharger’s authorized agent:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are

significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, sample type (e.g., effluent, groundwater, etc.), and reported analytical result for each sample are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to clearly illustrate compliance with waste discharge requirements and spatial or temporal trends, as applicable. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the locations specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported in the next scheduled monitoring report.

Laboratory analysis reports shall be included in the monitoring reports. In addition, all laboratory reports must be retained for a minimum of three years in accordance with Standard Provision C.3. of the SPRRs. For a Discharger conducting any of its own analyses, reports must also be signed and certified by the chief of the laboratory or chief plant operator.

In addition to the requirements of Standard Provision C.3, monitoring information shall include the method detection limit (MDL) and the reporting limit (RL) or practical quantitation limit (PQL). If the regulatory limit for a given constituent is less than the RL (or PQL), then any analytical results for that constituent that are below the RL (or PQL) but above the MDL shall be reported and flagged as estimated.

All monitoring reports that involve planning, investigation, evaluation or design, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1.

A. QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORTS

Quarterly Monitoring Reports shall be prepared and submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by the **1st day of the second month after the quarter** (i.e., the 1st Quarter [January – March] quarterly report is due 1st May). Each Quarterly Monitoring Report shall include the following:

1. Results of **Influent Monitoring** as specified in Section II.A, including:
 - a. Calculation of the maximum daily and monthly average flow for each month of the quarter.
 - b. Calculation of the monthly average BOD and TSS concentrations for each month of the quarter
2. Results of **Effluent Monitoring** as specified in Section II.B.
 - a. Calculation of the 12-month rolling average EC value of the effluent for each month of the quarter.

- i. The quarterly report shall include the calculation of the 12-month rolling average EC of the discharge for each month of the quarter using the effluent EC value for that month averaged with the EC values for the previous 11 months (results must include supporting calculations).
 - b. Calculation of the monthly average effluent BOD, TSS, and Total Nitrogen concentrations for each month of the quarter.
4. Results of the **Public Water Supply Monitoring** as specified in Section II.C. If multiple sources are used, the Discharger shall calculate the flow-weighted average of EC. Results must include supporting calculations.
5. Results of **Sludge/Biosolids Monitoring** specified in Section II.D.
5. A comparison of monitoring data with the Flow Limitation, Effluent Limitations, and Discharge Specifications specified in the WDRs Order. Include an explanation for any violations.
6. Copies of all laboratory analytical reports.
7. A copy of calibration log page(s) verifying calibration of all hand-held monitoring instruments used during the quarter.

B. FOURTH QUARTER MONITORING REPORT

In addition to the above information, the fourth quarter monitoring report, due **1st February of each year** shall include the following:

1. Names, title, and contact information for persons to contact regarding the Facility for emergency and routine situations.
2. Statement certifying when the flow meter and other monitoring instruments and devices were last calibrated, include identification of who performed the calibrations (SPRRs C.4).
3. The names, certificate grades, and general responsibilities of all persons in charge of wastewater treatment and disposal.
4. A discussion of compliance and corrective actions taken, as well as any planned or proposed actions needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the WDRs Order.
5. A tabulated summary of all monitoring data collected over the year.
6. An evaluation of Sonora's major industrial dischargers (if any), including permitted flows and loading limits as well as any water quality monitoring data collected.

7. An evaluation of the Facility's calendar-year (January to December) average effluent EC (monitored at EFF-001) to the Salinity Action Level of 800 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$. If the facility's discharge exceeds the Salinity Action Level, the Discharger shall submit a Salinity Action Level Report by 1 March of the year following the exceedance of the Salinity Action Level as described in the WDRs Order.
8. An evaluation of Sonora's wastewater treatment and disposal facility's performance, including discussion of capacity issues, infiltration and inflow rates, nuisance conditions, and forecast of flows anticipated in the following year (SPRRs E.4).
9. A summary and discussion of the compliance record for the reporting period. If violations have occurred, the report shall also discuss the corrective actions taken and planned to bring the discharge into full compliance with this Order.
10. A statement whether the current operation and maintenance manual, sampling plan, and contingency plan, reflect the WWTF as currently constructed and operated, and the dates when these documents were last reviewed for adequacy.
11. Annual production of total sludge/biosolids in dry tons or cubic yards (if applicable).
12. A description of the sludge/biosolids disposal methods, including the following information related to the disposal methods used. If more than one method is used, including the percentage disposed of by each method.
 - a) For landfill disposal, include: the name and location of the landfill, and the Order number of WDRs that regulate it.
 - b) For land application, include: the location of the site, and the Order number of any WDRs that regulate it.
 - c) For incineration, include: the name and locations of the site where incineration occurs, the Order number of WDRs that regulate the site, the disposal method of ash, and the name and location of the facility receiving as (if applicable).
 - d) For composting, include: the location of the site, and the Order number of any WDRs that regulate it.

If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement, may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability, or may take other enforcement actions. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$1,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to Water Code section 13268. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the

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State Water Resources Control Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Resources Control Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this MRP, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. [Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions](#) may be found on the internet (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided on request.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program **starting 1 June 2024**.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the forgoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Monitoring and Reporting Program issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on XX April 2024.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer

IV. GLOSSARY

amsl	Above mean sea level
BOD ₅	Five-day biochemical oxygen demand
CaCO ₃	Calcium carbonate
DO	Dissolved oxygen
EC	Electrical conductivity at 25° C
FDS	Fixed dissolved solids
TDS	Total dissolved solids
TKN	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
TSS	Total suspended solids
Continuous	The specified parameter shall be measured by a meter continuously.
24-hr Composite	Influent and effluent samples shall be time-based composite samples consisting of at least eight equal volume discrete sample aliquots collected at constant time intervals into one container. A time composite sample can be collected either manually or with an automatic sampler.
Daily	Once per day.
1/Week	Once per week.
2/Week	Twice per week on non-consecutive days.
1/Month	Once per month.
2/Month	Twice per month in non-consecutive weeks.
1/Quarter	Once per quarter.
2/Year	Once every six calendar months (i.e., two times per year) in non-consecutive quarters unless otherwise specified.
1/Year	Once per year.
mg/L	Milligrams per liter
mg/kg	Milligrams per kilogram
mL/L	Milliliters [of solids] per liter
µg/L	Micrograms per liter
µmhos/cm	Micromhos per centimeter
gpd	Gallons per day
Metals	Metals analysis shall include, at a minimum: aluminum, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, and zinc.
mgd	Million gallons per day
MPN/100 mL	Most probable number [of organisms] per 100 milliliters
Standard Minerals	Analysis shall include: alkalinity (as CaCO ₃), bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃), boron, calcium, carbonate (as CaCO ₃), chloride, iron, magnesium, manganese, nitrate as N, phosphate, potassium, sodium, sulfate, total dissolved solids, and verification that the analysis is complete (i.e., cation/anion balance).