

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER R5-2015-0543, COUNTY OF PLACER FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PLACER COUNTY

Administrative Civil Liability Order (Order) R5-2015-0543 was issued pursuant to Water Code section 13385 for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) R5-2010-0092 (NPDES CA0079316) by County of Placer Facility Services Department, Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 (Discharger) at its Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Order assessed mandatory minimum penalties for effluent limitation violations which occurred between 1 March 2014 and 31 June 2015.

The Order suspends \$108,000 of the penalty amount pending completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) pursuant to California Water Code section 13385(l). On 23 November 2015, the Discharger requested an extension to comply with the third task identified in the Order. This task requires the Discharger to submit the Final Report that will include a summary of all completed tasks and post-project accounting of all expenditures by 31 May 2016. The Discharger stated that the SEP (equalization basins) cannot be constructed on schedule because the new pipeline, which connects the Facility with the City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant, experienced failures of pipeline saddle connections during pressure testing. Up to 69 of the connections have failed or would be expected to fail under current conditions. In order to fix the pipeline, the saddle connections and pipeline sections must be excavated, the affected portions cut out, and new sections put in place. Until the treatment plant is regionalized and the existing Facility is decommissioned, the equalization basins cannot be constructed. The Discharger expects to restart the SEP after the completion of the regionalization, which is anticipated to be completed between April 2016 and September 2016.

The Discharger’s explanation for requesting an extension to submit the final report is reasonable. Therefore, this letter approves the Discharger’s request and changes Item #3 of the ACLO. In addition, the revision also requires the Discharger to submit a Second and Third Quarter 2016 quarterly progress report, as shown in underline/ strikeout in Table A below:

Table A: Revised Schedule ACLO R5-2015-0543

Item#	Description	Compliance Date
1	Fourth Quarter 2015 Progress Report: Describe progress toward construction of the two storage basins and work to be completed in the next quarter.	31 December 2015

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2	First Quarter 2016 Progress Report: Describe progress toward construction of the two storage basins and work to be completed in the next quarter.	31 March 2016
2a	Second Quarter 2016 Progress Report: Describe progress toward construction of the two storage basins and work to be completed in the next quarter.	<u>30 June 2016</u>
2b	Third Quarter 2016 Progress Report: Describe progress toward construction of the two storage basins and work to be completed in the next quarter.	<u>30 September 2016</u>
3	Final Report: The final report will include a summary of all completed tasks and a post-project accounting of all expenditures. The accounting must clearly show whether the final cost of the successfully completed SEP is less than, equal to, or more than the suspended liability amount. The following statement must be included above the signature line of the report: "I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."	31 May 2016 <u>1 November 2016</u>

If you have any questions or comments regarding the revision to the Order, please contact Kari Holmes at (916) 464-4623 or kari.holmes@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original signed by Andrew Altevogt

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