

Lahontan Water Board Program Fact Sheet FY 2016-2017

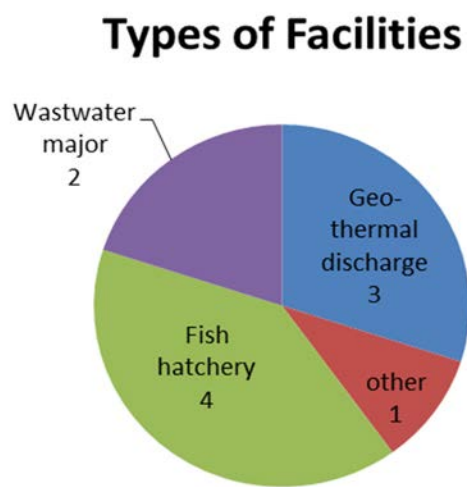
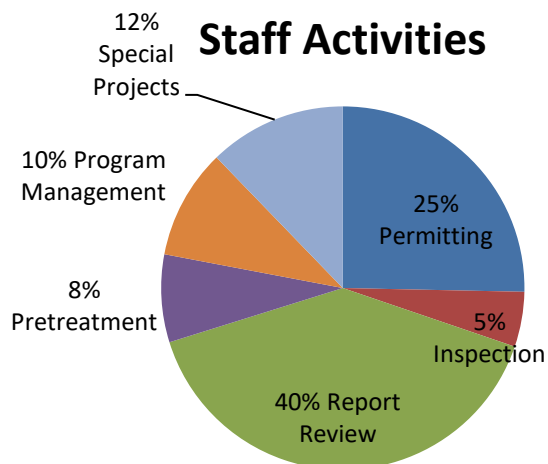
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Overview

The State of California implements the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program under authorization by the U.S. EPA, except for the wastewater treatment plant biosolids component. All facilities discharging pollutants (except storm water) from any point source into waters of the United States must obtain a permit. Major permits cover facilities discharging greater than one million gallons per day: Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA) and Susanville Consolidated Sanitary District (CSD). Eight minor permits cover smaller discharge volumes. General Permits cover numerous broad categories of similar discharges. This program is authorized 1.2 PYs.

Key Efforts

- Ensure permit requirements are met and beneficial uses are protected.
- Permits expire in 5 years and there is a goal to maintain 90 percent of all permits being current/updated.
 - Updating the Mojave Fish Hatchery permit
 - Updating Grover Hot Springs permit
 - Updating VWVRA permit
- Work with various aquatic pesticide applicators new and ongoing to comply with Water Board's Basin Plan prohibition exception criteria.
- Prepare letters to State Board General Permit enrollees informing them of more stringent requirements in the Tahoe and Truckee watersheds than what is described in the General Permits.



Type of facilities only covers individually permitted facilities not enrollees under a general permits

Performance Targets FY 15 -16

	Target	Actual
Major Individual facility inspected	1	2
Minor individual facility permit issued or renewed	2	0
Minor individual facilities inspected	1	3
Minor general facilities inspected	0	1

The two permits that were scheduled for reissuance were both delayed. One is schedule for fiscal 2016-2017, the other in 2017-2018. In lieu of reissuing the two minor facility permits the Region Board did revise the General Permit for Surface Water Disposal of Treated Groundwater.

Performance Targets for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 – Progress to Date

	Target	Progress to Date
Majors Facilities Inspected:	1	1
Minor Facilities Inspected:	2	0
Major Permits Renewed:	0	0
Minor Permits Renewed:	2	0

The Mojave Fish Hatchery permit renewal is scheduled for spring of 2017. Issues surrounding establishing effluent limits with the Grover Hot Springs permit delayed the reissuance.

Unaddressed Work

- Permit renewal for Hot Creek Hatchery is pending development of Site-Specific Objectives- a Basin Planning project with insufficient resources.
- Permit renewals for this year are delayed due to other enforcement and permitting priorities.
- Need to collaborate with Susanville CSD and other stakeholders to evaluate storage and increased recycled water use (e.g. irrigation); ensure minimum flows in Susan River for protection of aquatic habitat and/or modify basin plan standards.
- Pursue enforcement actions for discharges from sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).
- Insufficient resources to do all exemptions for all proposed aquatic pesticide applications anticipated.
- Entering Detection Monitoring Reporting reports and other data into public databases.