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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **APPROVAL OF REQUESTED EXCEPTIONS TO SEWAGE CONNECTION RESTRICTION, CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2023-0006, CITY OF ARVIN, ARVIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, KERN COUNTY**

The City of Arvin (City) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is regulated by Cease and Desist Order R5-2023-0006 (CDO)<sup>1</sup>. Among other requirements, the CDO includes a sewage connection restriction that prohibits new connections to the City's sewage collection system by individual households or businesses that did not have a building permit approved prior to 27 April 2023.

The CDO states that the Executive Officer may, prior to removing the sewage connection restriction, grant a limited exception to allow additional connections to the City's sewage collection system upon finding that the City has met certain conditions specified in the CDO. The CDO requires that any request by the City for an exception to the sewage connection restriction include justification and also requires that the Executive Officer provide an opportunity for public review of such requests prior to making a determination on approval or disapproval of the requests.

On 8 December 2023, the City, through its consultant, submitted requests for exceptions to the sewage connection restriction for four proposed developments. The proposed developments consist of 1) a residential development consisting of 46 single-family homes, 2) a 4,000 square foot auto repair shop, 3) a 1,200 square foot office, and 4) a 5,200 square foot fast-food restaurant with a convenience store and gas station. The requests indicate that the proposed developments are anticipated to increase flows to the City's sewage collection system by 16,100 gallons per day (gpd), 400 gpd, 160 gpd, and 2,040 gpd, respectively. The total combined flow for the four proposed developments is 18,700 gpd.

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<sup>1</sup>[Cease and Desist Order R5-2023-0006](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/kern/r5-2023-0006_cdo.pdf)

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On 13 December 2023, the City's consultant submitted revised requests which included the professional stamp and signature of Ryan Sellman, a California licensed Civil Engineer with Carollo Engineers, Inc. The City's exception requests are enclosed.

On 10 October 2023, the City's consultant submitted water balance calculations for the City's WWTF. The water balance calculations indicated that the City's current average wastewater flows are 1.08 million gallons per day, and if the City was to use Pond 3 in a limited capacity (to a depth of approximately 6-feet), it would be able to accommodate an average of approximately 20,000 gpd of additional flow to its sewage collection system.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff have reviewed the City's exception requests for the four proposed developments, water balance calculations, and additional justification and documentation and determined the following:

1. The City's current average wastewater flows are 1.08 million gallons per day, and based on the water balance calculations the City can accommodate an average of an additional 20,000 gallons per day to its sewage collection system.
2. The four proposed developments are estimated to increase the City's average daily wastewater flows by approximately 18,700 gpd.
3. The City has provided adequate justification for its requested exceptions to the sewage connection restriction and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer that it meets the conditions specified in the CDO for receiving the exceptions.
4. A public notice notifying interested persons of the City's exception requests and the Executive Officer's intent to approve the requests was posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website for a public comment period of 14-days. Interested persons were provided an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

Based on the above, the City's requests for four exceptions to the sewage connection restriction imposed by Cease and Desist Order R5-2023-0006 for the proposed developments listed herein are approved.

The sewage connection restriction imposed by the CDO remains in place, and any additional connections to the City's collection system continue to be prohibited unless additional exceptions are granted by the Executive Officer or the CDO is rescinded or otherwise amended by the Central Valley Water Board.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Omar Mostafa at 559-445-5197 or [omar.mostafa@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:omar.mostafa@waterboards.ca.gov).

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