

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2017-0078

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

FOR  
MCCLLOUD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT/DISPOSAL PONDS  
SISKIYOU COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Regional Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. On 11 May 2016, McCloud Community Services District (McCloud CSD) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to apply for a renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for an existing publically owned Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which serves the City of McCloud. Additional information to complete the RWD was submitted on 7 December 2016 and the RWD was deemed complete on 20 December 2016.
2. McCloud CSD (hereafter "Discharger") owns and operates the McCloud Wastewater Treatment/Disposal Ponds (Facility) and is responsible for compliance with these WDRs.
3. The facility is located at Squaw Valley Rd in the city of McCloud (Section 18, T17N, R3E, MDB&M). The facility occupies Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 49-06-22, 49-07-05, and 28-44-41 as indicated on Attachment A, which is attached hereto and made part of this Order by reference.
4. WDRs Order 97-083, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 25 April 1997, prescribes requirements for the facility. Order 97-083 allows an average dry weather flow of up to 300,000 gallons per day (gpd). The Discharger is not proposing any changes to the treatment system or an increase in capacity. However Order 97-083 has passed its renewal date and is due for revision. Therefore, Order 97-083 will be rescinded and replaced with this Order.

**Background Information**

5. The Facility receives, on average, 155,000 gallons per day (gpd) of raw domestic sewage from approximately 700 connections in the City of McCloud; population approximately 1,300. Peak flows of 4 to 5 million gallons per month occur in June, July and August.
6. Wastewater historically has been discharged to one of four percolation/evaporation ponds and an overland flow/land application area west of the ponds. The discharge of wastewater to the overland flow/land application area was conducted generally during the summer month when evapotranspiration was the highest and threat of discharge to Squaw Valley Creek was the lowest.

7. Due to the discharge of wastewater percolating into open fractures in the east end of Pond 2 the Central Valley Water Board issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) 93-248 which was adopted on 3 December 1993. The Discharger modified the inlet structure, constructed new berms, and sealed the fractures in Pond 2 and 3; constructed a new Pond 4; and constructed an overland flow area.
8. Due to failures of the Facility's wastewater collection system the Central Valley Water Board issued CDO R5-2000-0109, which was adopted on 15 June 2000 to address the aging and failing system. As a result the collection system was fully replaced between 2002 and 2006; at a cost of 11 million dollars.

### **Existing Facility and Discharge**

9. The system consists of inlet structures (flume, ultrasonic flow meter, and two distribution boxes), and four ponds. A previously permitted overland flow/ land application area will be decommissioned as indicated in Provision 1.F.c, of this order. Inlet flow can also be diverted to Pond 2 or Pond 3 to allow drying and cleanout of Pond 1. Pond 2 is segmented by an earthen berm dividing the pond into an east and west cell. Pond 4 is considerably smaller than the others and is intended for use in emergency situations. Pond areas are approximately 8.3, 6.9, 4.8, and 0.9 acres for Ponds 1 through 4, respectively.
10. Wastewater receives essentially no treatment before entering the Facility's pond system. Treatment in the ponds consists of natural aeration and decomposition.
11. In response to Central Valley Water Board CDO R5-2000-0109 the existing collection system was fully replaced between 2002 and 2006.

### **Site-Specific Conditions**

12. The Facility's wastewater treatment ponds are at elevations of approximately 3,175 to 3,190 feet mean sea level (MSL). The overall topography at the Facility slopes to the west with a grade of approximately 2 to 3%, towards Squaw Valley Creek. Squaw Valley Creek flows southward in the watershed and is a tributary to the McCloud River (Attachments A and B).
13. The Facility is located within the 100-year flood plain of Squaw Valley Creek (Attachment B). Located in Zone AE; the base flood elevation ranges from 3,178 to 3,186 feet MSL.
14. The Facility is located 8 miles south of the base of Mt. Shasta, within the Cascade Range geologic province of northern California, predominantly comprised of Tertiary age volcanic rocks. Geologic formations exposed or underlying the Facility are mapped as Quaternary-age alluvium and basalt. The treatment ponds are constructed over alluvium consisting of mud flow and glacial deposits originating from the slopes of Mt. Shasta. The Facility is underlain by fractured andesitic basalt and dense gray pyroxene andesite.

15. The soil types encountered at the Facility included silt, fine to medium sand, and silty to sandy gravel. These soils are underlain by volcanic (andesitic) bedrock from approximately 12 to 18 feet below ground surface (bgs). A grading analysis run on soils collected from the bottom of Pond 2 classified the soil as fine silty sand. A typical permeability value for fine silty sand is  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  centimeter/second.
16. Annual Precipitation in the area is approximately 50 inches with an annual pan evaporation of approximately 55 inches.
17. In the immediate vicinity of the Facility, land uses consist of timberland production, open space, rural residential, and commercial (golf course).

### **Groundwater Conditions**

18. Generally, the volcanic units in this area have variable groundwater yields, with production zones at a depth of approximately 200 feet bgs. The Facility is located within the Squaw Creek Hydrologic Area (505.10) that lies within the McCloud Hydrologic Unit (505.00) which is part of the Sacramento Hydrologic Basin as delineated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Facility lies to the north of the Redding Basin, the northernmost sub basin of the Sacramento Valley basin.
19. In response to CDO 93-248 the Discharger conducted various investigations in support of required corrective actions. From these investigations it was determined that the upper surface of volcanic bedrock underlying the Facility is unsaturated and serves as an aquitard in some locations, but as a conduit in other locations. Groundwater was absent in several test borings, drilled to less than two feet bgs below Pond 2 before encountering bedrock.
20. In 1979, a dye study was performed by Central Valley Water Board staff from the wastewater ponds and indicated no observed impacts in the nearby Squaw Valley Creek or other areas of known/suspected groundwater surfacing/discharge. Additionally coliform analysis of samples taken from Squaw Valley Creek were collected above and below the ponds also indicated no observed impacts from the wastewater ponds.
21. According to DWR information, data gathered from 19 domestic well logs in the area, indicate an average total depth of wells to be approximately 120 feet bgs, with an average depth to static water of 34 feet bgs. Information also obtained from DWR indicated well yields ranged from 10 to 100 gallons per minute (gpm). The distance from the ponds to the closest water supply well(s) is unknown; however there are no wells within a half mile downgradient of the ponds, as this property is owned by the Discharger.
22. Four monitoring wells were installed in February 2016 in response to the Central Valley Water Board's request for a new RWD. Groundwater gradient is to the south-southwest, generally following surface topography. Depth to groundwater in onsite monitoring wells ranged from approximately 2 to 5 feet bgs.

23. Shallow groundwater beneath the site is likely seasonal or precipitation dependent. Groundwater levels in onsite monitoring wells declined approximately 2.8 to 3.3 feet between March and May 2016 monitoring events.
24. Based on onsite monitoring wells, shallow groundwater quality is good. None of the measured parameters exceeded their respective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Effluent quality is poorer than the shallow groundwater, but also did not exceed MCLs for the measured parameters in the March 2016 sampling event.
25. Percolating effluent moves into fractured bedrock underlying the ponds and migrates into underlying strata. The exact quality of the effluent that moves through fractured bedrock is unknown, but it is reasonable to assume that it is of similar quality to that observed in the Facility's shallow groundwater monitoring wells, which meets Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) for the constituents of concern. Thus, the discharge (pond percolation) does not appear to adversely affect groundwater quality, nor should it cause WQOs to be exceeded.

### **Basin Plan, Beneficial Uses, and Regulatory Considerations**

26. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins*, Fourth Edition, revised July 2016 (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes WQOs, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Board. Pursuant to California Water Code section 13263(a), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.
27. Local drainage is to Squaw Valley Creek a tributary of the McCloud River. The beneficial uses of the McCloud River, as stated in the Basin Plan, are Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN), Hydropower Generation (POW), Water Contact Recreation (REC-1) and Non-contact Water Recreation (REC-2); including canoeing and rafting, Cold Freshwater Habitat (COLD), Spawning, Reproduction, and/or Early Development (SPWN), Wildlife Habitat (WILD) and other aquatic resources.
28. The beneficial uses of underlying groundwater as set forth in the Basin Plan are Industrial Process, Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN), Agricultural Supply (AGR), Industrial Service Supply (IND), Industrial Process Supply (PRO).
29. The Basin Plan establishes narrative WQOs for chemical constituents, tastes and odors, and toxicity in groundwater. It also sets forth a numeric objective for total coliform organisms.
30. The Basin Plan's numeric water quality objective for bacteria requires that the most probable number (MPN) of coliform organisms over any seven-day period shall be less than 2.2 per 100 mL in MUN groundwater.
31. The Basin Plan's narrative WQOs for chemical constituents, at a minimum, require waters designated as domestic or municipal supply to meet the MCLs specified in Title

22 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 22). The Basin Plan recognizes that the Central Valley Water Board may apply limits more stringent than MCLs to ensure that waters do not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses.

32. The narrative toxicity objective requires that groundwater be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, animal, plant, or aquatic life associated with designated beneficial uses.
33. Quantifying a narrative water quality objective requires a site-specific evaluation of those constituents that have the potential to impact water quality and beneficial uses. The Basin Plan states that when compliance with a narrative objective is required to protect specific beneficial uses, the Central Valley Water Board will, on a case-by-case basis, adopt numerical limitations in order to implement the narrative objective.
34. In the absence of specific numerical water quality limits, the Basin Plan methodology is to consider any relevant published criteria. General salt tolerance guidelines, such as *Water Quality for Agriculture* by Ayers and Westcot and similar references indicate that yield reductions in nearly all crops are not evident when irrigation water has an EC less than 700  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ . There is, however, an eight- to ten-fold range in salt tolerance for agricultural crops and the appropriate salinity values to protect agriculture in the Central Valley are considered on a case-by-case basis. It is possible to achieve full yield potential with waters having EC up to 3,000  $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  if the proper leaching fraction is provided to maintain soil salinity within the tolerance of the crop.

### **Antidegradation Analysis**

35. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 68-16, the Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California (*Antidegradation Policy*) generally prohibits the Central Valley Water Board from authorizing activities that will result in the degradation of high-quality waters unless it has been shown that:
  - a. The degradation does not result in water quality less than that prescribed in state and regional policies, including violation of one or more WQOs;
  - b. The degradation will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated future beneficial uses;
  - c. The discharger employs Best Practicable Treatment or Control (BPTC) to minimize degradation; and
  - d. The degradation is consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state.
36. Prior to 2016 the Discharger was not required to monitor groundwater quality at the Facility. Although current data is limited to two sampling events, shallow groundwater shows limited degradation (which may or may not have been caused by the operation of the WWTP), but no exceedances of an applicable WQO. Shallow groundwater is likely only present seasonally or after significant precipitation events. As discussed previously,

local groundwater supplies are derived from fractured volcanic bedrock – wells are typically screened to 120 feet bgs with a static water level of 34 feet.

37. Constituents of concern that have the potential to degrade groundwater include salts (primarily TDS, sodium, and chloride), nutrients and coliform organisms, as discussed below.

Constituent	Concentration (mg/L)				
	Influent (Pond sample)	Effluent <sup>1</sup>	Background Groundwater <sup>2</sup>	Downgradient Groundwater <sup>3</sup>	Potential Water Quality Objective
TDS	320	110	55	47	450 <sup>4</sup> to 1,500 <sup>8</sup>
Nitrate (N)	<0.02	<0.02	0.1	0.73	10 <sup>6</sup>
Ammonia Nitrogen	16	NA	0.056 <sup>J</sup>	0.028 <sup>J</sup>	--
Sulfate	5.8	0.54 <sup>J</sup>	1.6	0.91 <sup>J</sup>	250 <sup>7</sup>
Sodium	24	13	12	4.9	69 <sup>4</sup>
Chloride	16	8.35	3.2	0.90	106 <sup>4</sup> - 600 <sup>8</sup>
Manganese	NA	0.316	NA	NA	0.050 <sup>7</sup>
Iron	NA	12.9	NA	NA	0.300 <sup>7</sup>
Arsenic	NA	0.001	NA	NA	0.010 <sup>6</sup>

NA denotes Not Analyzed, <sup>J</sup> - Below reporting limits, estimated value

<sup>1</sup> EFF- 1, placed in berm of Pond 1, sampled 5/26/16

<sup>2</sup> MW-1, upgradient well, sampled 3/16/16

<sup>3</sup> MW-3, downgradient well, sampled 3/16/16

<sup>4</sup> Lowest agricultural water quality goal.

<sup>6</sup> Primary Maximum Contaminant Level.

<sup>7</sup> Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level.

<sup>8</sup> Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level range

- a. **Total Dissolved Solids.** The influent TDS concentration is approximately 320 mg/L, which is low for a typical domestic wastewater treatment facility and appears to drop to 110 mg/L after percolating through the vadose zone below the pond as indicated by Effluent sample above. This appears to indicate that the Discharger's current treatment practices are effective. The background groundwater concentration is 55 mg/L and downgradient concentration is 47 mg/L. Therefore, the discharge is not likely to degrade groundwater quality due to increased salinity and a TDS effluent limit is not required to protect groundwater quality.
- b. **Nitrate.** For nutrients such as nitrate, the potential for degradation depends not only on the quality of the treated effluent, but the ability of the vadose zone below the effluent disposal ponds to provide an environment conducive to nitrification and denitrification to convert the effluent nitrogen to nitrate and the nitrate to nitrogen gas before it reaches the water table. The effluent nitrate concentration was reported to be less than the laboratory reporting limit of 0.02 mg/L and the background concentration was reported at 0.1 mg/L. Downgradient nitrate concentrations were reported at 0.73 mg/L. The nitrate effluent quality of the existing WWTP is expected to remain the same. Therefore, the discharge is not likely to degrade groundwater quality due to increased nitrate and a nitrate effluent limit is not required to protect groundwater quality.
- c. **Total Coliform Organisms.** For coliform organisms, the potential for exceedance of the Basin Plan's numeric water quality objective depends on the ability of vadose zone soils below the effluent storage/disposal ponds and saturated soils within the shallow

water bearing zone to provide adequate filtration. Historically, total coliform organisms have not been sampled at the Facility. The approximate 2-10 foot unsaturated zone consisting of silt, fine to medium sand, and silty to sandy gravel below primary Ponds 1 and 2 West is expected to be sufficient to filter out coliform organisms and to prevent groundwater degradation.

38. This Order establishes effluent and groundwater limitations for the WWTP that will ensure that discharges from the WWTP will not unreasonably threaten present and anticipated beneficial uses or result in groundwater quality that exceeds WQOs set forth in the Basin Plan.
39. The Discharger provides treatment and control of the discharge that includes: Upgraded collection system (all lines replaced 2002-2006), flow, liquid depth, freeboard and DO management, control of pond scum, weeds, & floating solids; berm inspection and maintenance. Additionally fresh water is pumped/sprayed into pond for oxygenation, circulation, and to help break-up any accumulation floating materials. For this Facility, the Board considers these measures to be best practical treatment or control (BPTC) for the treatment and disposal of wastewater at this location.
40. Degradation of groundwater by some of the typical waste constituents associated with discharges from a municipal wastewater utility, after effective source control, treatment, and control measures are implemented, is consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state. The technology, energy, water recycling, and waste management advantages of municipal utility service far exceed any benefits derived from reliance on numerous, concentrated individual wastewater systems, and the impact on water quality will be substantially less. The economic prosperity of valley communities and associated industry is of maximum benefit to the people of the State, and provides sufficient justification for allowing the limited groundwater degradation that may occur pursuant to this Order.
41. This Order is consistent with the *Antidegradation Policy* since; (a) the limited degradation allowed by this Order will not result in water quality less than water quality objectives, or unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses, (b) the Discharger has implemented BPTC to minimize degradation, and (c) the limited degradation is of maximum benefit to people of the State.

### **Other Regulatory Considerations**

42. In compliance with Water Code section 106.3, it is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.
43. Based on the threat and complexity of the discharge, the facility is determined to be classified as 2C as defined below:

- a. Category 2 - threat to water quality: "Those discharges of waste that could impair the designated beneficial uses of the receiving water, cause short-term violations of WQOs, cause secondary drinking water standards to be violated, or cause a nuisance."
- b. Category C - Any discharger for which waste discharge requirements have been prescribed pursuant to Section 13263 of the Water Code not included in Category A or Category B as described above. Included are dischargers having no waste treatment systems or that must comply with best management practices, dischargers having passive treatment and disposal systems, or dischargers having waste storage systems with land disposal."

44. Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 27) contains regulatory requirements for the treatment, storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste. However, Title 27 exempts certain activities from its provisions. Discharges regulated by this Order are exempt from Title 27 pursuant to provisions that exempt domestic sewage, wastewater, and reuse. Title 27, section 20090 states in part:

The following activities shall be exempt from the SWRCB-promulgated provisions of this subdivision, so long as the activity meets, and continues to meet, all preconditions listed:

...

(b) Wastewater - Discharges of wastewater to land, including but not limited to evaporation ponds, percolation ponds, or subsurface leachfields if the following conditions are met:

- (1) the applicable RWQCB has issued WDRs, reclamation requirements, or waived such issuance;
- (2) the discharge is in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan; and
- (3) the wastewater does not need to be managed according to Chapter 11, Division 4.5, Title 22 of this code as a hazardous waste.

45. The discharge authorized herein (except for the discharge of residual sludge and solid waste), and the treatment and storage facilities associated with the discharge, are exempt from the requirements of Title 27 as follows:
- a. Ponds 1, 2, 3, and 4 are exempt pursuant to Title 27, section 20090(b) because they are wastewater percolation ponds and:
    - i. The Central Valley Water Board is issuing WDRs.
    - ii. The discharge is in compliance with the Basin Plan, and;
    - iii. The treated effluent discharged to the ponds does not need to be managed as hazardous waste.
46. The U.S. EPA published *Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance* (hereafter "Unified Guidance") in 2009. As stated in the Unified Guidance, the document:

...is tailored to the context of the RCRA groundwater monitoring regulations ...



[however, t]here are enough commonalities with other regulatory groundwater monitoring programs ... to allow for more general use of the tests and methods in the Unified Guidance... Groundwater detection monitoring involves either a comparison between different monitoring stations ... or a contrast between past and present data within a given station... The Unified Guidance also details methods to compare background data against measurements from regulatory compliance points ... [as well as] techniques for comparing datasets against fixed numerical standards ... [such as those] encountered in many regulatory programs.

The statistical data analysis methods in the Unified Guidance are appropriate for determining whether the discharge complies with Groundwater Limitations of this Order.

47. The State Water Board adopted Order 2014-0057-DWQ (NPDES General Permit CAS000001) specifying waste discharge requirements for discharges of storm water associated with industrial activities, and requiring submittal of a Notice of Intent by all affected industrial dischargers. The wastewater treatment facility has a design capacity of 0.30 MGD. The Discharger is therefore not required to obtain coverage under NPDES General Permit CAS000001.
48. On 2 May 2006, the State Water Board adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order 2006-0003-DWQ (the General Order). The General Order requires all public agencies that own or operate sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length to comply with the Order. The Discharger's collection system exceeds one mile in length and the Discharger is enrolled under the General Order.
49. Water Code section 13267(b) states:

In conducting an investigation specified in subdivision (a), the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of discharging, or who proposes to discharge within its region ... shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the board requires. The burden, including costs of these reports, shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.

The technical reports required by this Order and the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) R5-2017-0078 are necessary to ensure compliance with these waste discharge requirements. The Discharger owns and operates the facility that discharges the waste subject to this Order.

50. The California Department of Water Resources sets standards for the construction and destruction of groundwater wells (hereafter DWR Well Standards), as described in *California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90* (June 1991) and *Water Well Standards: State of California Bulletin 94-81* (December 1981). These standards, and any more stringent standards adopted by the state or county pursuant to Water Code section 13801, apply

to all monitoring wells used to monitor the impacts of wastewater storage or disposal governed by this Order.

51. All wastewater management systems at the facility have already been installed and are currently in use. This Order places additional requirements on the continued operation of the facility in order to ensure the protection of waters of the state. The issuance of this Order is therefore exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, which exempts the “operation, repair, maintenance, [and] permitting ... of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features” from environmental review.
52. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has promulgated biosolids reuse regulations in 40 CFR 503, *Standard for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge*, which establishes management criteria for protection of ground and surface waters, sets application rates for heavy metals, and establishes stabilization and disinfection criteria.
53. The Central Valley Water Board is using the Standards in 40 CFR 503 as guidelines in establishing this Order, but the Central Valley Water Board is not the implementing agency for 40 CFR 503 regulations. The Discharger may have separate and/or additional compliance, reporting, and permitting responsibilities to the EPA.
54. Pursuant to Water Code section 13263(g), discharge is a privilege, not a right, and adoption of this Order does not create a vested right to continue the discharge.

### **Public Notice**

55. All the above and the supplemental information and details in the attached Information Sheet, which is incorporated by reference herein, were considered in establishing the following conditions of discharge.
56. The Discharger(s) and interested agencies and persons have been notified of the Central Valley Water Board’s intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for this discharge, and they have been provided an opportunity to submit written comments and an opportunity for a public hearing.
57. All comments pertaining to the discharge were heard and considered in a public hearing.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Order 97-083 is rescinded except for purposes of enforcement, and, pursuant to Water Code sections 13263 and 13267, the McCloud CSD, its agents, successors, and assigns, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the Water Code and regulations adopted hereunder, shall comply with the following:

#### **A. Discharge Prohibitions**

1. Discharge of wastes to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited.
2. Discharge of waste classified as 'hazardous', as defined in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66262.1 et seq., is prohibited.
3. Treatment system bypass of untreated or partially treated waste is prohibited, except as allowed by Standard Provision E.2 of the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements*.
4. Discharge of waste at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Findings is prohibited.
5. The discharger shall not allow toxic substances to be discharged into the wastewater treatment system or land application areas such that biological treatment mechanisms are disrupted.
6. Discharge to the overland flow/land application area is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Officer.
7. The discharge of offsite waste transported to the WWTP for disposal is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Officer.

## B. Flow Limitations

1. **Effectively immediately**, influent flows to the WWTP shall not exceed the following limits:

<u>Flow Measurement</u>	<u>Flow Limit</u>
Total Annual Flow <sup>1</sup>	62 MG
Average Dry Weather Flow <sup>2</sup>	0.16 MGD

<sup>1</sup> As determined by the total flow for the calendar year.

<sup>2</sup> As determined by the total flow for the months of August through October, inclusive, divided by 92 days.

## C. Discharge Specifications

1. No waste constituent shall be released, discharged, or placed where it will cause a violation of the Groundwater Limitations of this Order.
2. Wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal shall not cause pollution or a nuisance as defined by Water Code section 13050.
3. The discharge shall remain within the permitted waste treatment/containment structures and land application areas at all times.
4. The Discharger shall operate all systems and equipment to optimize the quality of the discharge.

5. All conveyance, treatment, storage, and disposal systems shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return frequency.
6. Public contact with wastewater at the WWTP shall be prevented through such means as fences, signs, or acceptable alternatives.
7. Objectionable odors shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the WWTP property at an intensity that creates or threatens to create nuisance conditions.
8. As a means of discerning compliance with Discharge Specification C. 7, the dissolved oxygen (DO) content in the upper one foot of any wastewater treatment or storage pond shall not be less than 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive sampling events. If the DO in any single pond is below 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive sampling events, the Discharger shall report the findings to the Regional Water Board in writing within 10 days and shall include a specific plan to resolve the low DO results within 30 days.
9. The Discharger shall operate and maintain all ponds sufficiently to protect the integrity of containment dams and berms and prevent overtopping and/or structural failure. Unless a California-registered civil engineer certifies (based on design, construction, and conditions of operation and maintenance) that less freeboard is adequate, the operating freeboard in any pond shall never be less than two feet (measured vertically from the lowest possible point of overflow). As a means of management and to discern compliance with this requirement, the Discharger shall install and maintain in each pond a permanent staff gauge with calibration marks that clearly show the water level at design capacity and enable determination of available operational freeboard.
10. Wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal ponds or structures shall have sufficient capacity to accommodate allowable wastewater flow, design seasonal precipitation, and ancillary inflow and infiltration during the winter while ensuring continuous compliance with all requirements of this Order. Design seasonal precipitation shall be based on total annual precipitation using a return period of 100 years, distributed monthly in accordance with historical rainfall patterns.
11. On or about **1 October** of each year, available capacity shall at least equal the volume necessary to comply with Discharge Specifications C.9 and C.10.
12. All ponds and open containment structures shall be managed to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. Specifically:
  - a. An erosion control program shall be implemented to ensure that small coves and irregularities are not created around the perimeter of the water surface.
  - b. Weeds shall be minimized through control of water depth, harvesting, or herbicides.

- c. Dead algae, vegetation, and debris shall not accumulate on the water surface.
  - d. The Discharger shall consult and coordinate with the local Mosquito Abatement District to minimize the potential for mosquito breeding as needed to supplement the above measures.
  - e. Vegetation management operations in areas in which nesting birds have been observed shall be carried out either before or after, but not during, the bird nesting season, generally between months of April and June.
13. Newly constructed or rehabilitated berms or levees (excluding internal berms that separate ponds or control the flow of water within a pond) shall be designed and constructed under the supervision of a California Registered Civil Engineer.

#### **D. Groundwater Limitations**

Release of waste constituents from any portion of the WWTP shall not cause groundwater to:

1. Exceed a total coliform organism level of 2.2 MPN/100mL over any seven-day period.
2. Contain constituents in concentrations that exceed either the Primary or Secondary MCLs established in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
3. Contain taste or odor-producing constituents, toxic substances, or any other constituents in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
4. Compliance with these limitations shall be determined annually based on comparison of groundwater concentrations to applicable WQOs.

#### **E. Solids Disposal Specifications**

Sludge, as used in this document, means the solid, semisolid, and liquid residues removed during primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes. Solid waste refers to grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment. Residual sludge means sludge that will not be subject to further treatment at the WWTP. Biosolids refers to sludge that has been treated and tested and shown to be capable of being beneficially used as a soil amendment for agriculture, silviculture, horticulture, and land reclamation activities pursuant to federal and state regulations.

1. Sludge and solid waste shall be removed from screens, sumps, ponds, and clarifiers as needed to ensure optimal plant operation.
2. Any handling and storage of residual sludge, solid waste, and biosolids at the WWTP shall be temporary (i.e., no longer than two years) and controlled and contained in a manner that minimizes leachate formation and precludes infiltration of waste

constituents into soils in a mass or concentration that will violate the groundwater limitations of this Order.

3. Residual sludge, biosolids, and solid waste shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Executive Officer and consistent with Title 27, division 2. Removal for further treatment, disposal, or reuse at disposal sites (i.e., landfills, WWTPs, composting sites, soil amendment sites) operated in accordance with valid waste discharge requirements issued by a Regional Water Board will satisfy this specification.
4. Use of biosolids as a soil amendment shall comply with valid waste discharge requirements issued by a regional water board or the State Water Board except in cases where a local (e.g., county) program has been authorized by a regional water board. In most cases, this will mean the General Biosolids Order (State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order 2004-12-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Biosolids to Land for Use as a Soil Amendment in Agricultural, Silvicultural, Horticultural, and Land Reclamation Activities"). For a biosolids use project to be covered by Order 2004-12-DWQ, the Discharger must file a complete Notice of Intent and receive a Notice of Applicability for each project.
5. Use and disposal of biosolids shall comply with the self-implementing federal regulations of 40 Code of Federal Regulations part 503, which are subject to enforcement by the U.S. EPA, not the Central Valley Water Board. If during the life of this Order, the State accepts primacy for implementation of part 503, the Central Valley Water Board may also initiate enforcement where appropriate.
6. Any proposed change in sludge use or disposal practice shall be reported in writing to the Executive Officer at least 90 days in advance of the change.

## F. Provisions

1. The following reports shall be submitted pursuant to Water Code section 13267 and shall be prepared as described in Provision Section F.5 of this order:
  - a. By **1 July 2019**, the Discharger shall submit a *Water Quality Assessment Report*. This report shall summarize and evaluate water quality data collected from the Facility.
    - 1) For each monitored constituent identified in the MRP the report shall present a summary of monitoring data and the calculated concentrations of each constituent from each sampling location.
    - 2) Effluent monitoring data shall be evaluated to assess whether effluent wastewater concentrations are such that underlying groundwater could be impacted.
    - 3) The report shall also assess background groundwater quality which includes a determination of which wells are the background monitoring well(s) and which well(s) are compliance monitoring point's downgradient of the discharge.

- 4) The report will also provide any recommendations that may be necessary to address any data gaps in the current monitoring program.
  - b. By **1 September 2017**, the Discharger shall submit a *Bio-Solids Handling and Disposal Plan*. This plan shall address reuse or disposal of current bio-solids stored at the facility by 1 January 2018. The plan shall include a detailed outline for sludge removal, drying, and disposal. The plan shall specifically describe the phasing of the project, measures to be used to control runoff or percolate from the sludge as it is drying, and a schedule that shows how all dried biosolids will be removed from the Facility prior to the onset of the rainy season (**1 October**). It will also outline future handling/ treatment of bio-solids at the facility that will comply with section E.2 of this order that specifies no more than 2 years of storage of any bio-solids/sludge removed from the ponds. Additionally the Discharger will also be required to provide written notification at least **180 days** prior to any new sludge removal and disposal as specified in Provision F.3.
  - c. By **1 September 2017**, the Discharger shall submit an *Overland Flow/Land Application Area Decommissioning Report*. This report shall address activities completed to disconnect infrastructure that allowed wastewater to be diverted from the pond(s) to the former Overland Flow/Land Application Area.
2. If groundwater monitoring results show that the discharge of waste is causing groundwater to contain any waste constituents in concentrations statistically greater than the Groundwater Limitations of this Order, within 120 days of the request of the Executive Officer, the Discharger shall submit a BPTC Evaluation Workplan that sets forth the scope and schedule for a systematic and comprehensive technical evaluation of each component of the facility's waste treatment and disposal system to determine BPTC for each waste constituent that exceeds a groundwater limitation. The workplan shall contain a preliminary evaluation of each component of the WWTP and effluent disposal system and propose a time schedule for completing the comprehensive technical evaluation. The schedule to complete the evaluation shall be as short as practicable, and shall not exceed one year after receipt of the above workplan.
  3. At least **180 days** prior to any sludge removal and disposal, the Discharger shall submit a *Sludge Cleanout Plan*. The plan shall include a detailed plan for sludge removal, drying, and disposal. The plan shall specifically describe the phasing of the project, measures to be used to control runoff or percolate from the sludge as it is drying, and a schedule that shows how all dried biosolids will be removed from the site prior to the onset of the rainy season (**1 October**).
  4. A discharger whose waste flow has been increasing, or is projected to increase, shall estimate when flows will reach hydraulic and treatment capacities of its treatment, collection, and disposal facilities. The projections shall be made in January, based on the last three years' average dry weather flows, peak wet weather flows and total annual flows, as appropriate. When any projection shows that capacity of any part of the facilities may be exceeded in four years, the discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board by **31 January**.

5. In accordance with California Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, engineering and geologic evaluations and judgments shall be performed by or under the direction of registered professionals competent and proficient in the fields pertinent to the required activities. All technical reports specified herein that contain workplans for investigations and studies, that describe the conduct of investigations and studies, or that contain technical conclusions and recommendations concerning engineering and geology shall be prepared by or under the direction of appropriately qualified professional(s), even if not explicitly stated. Each technical report submitted by the Discharger shall bear the professional's signature and stamp.
6. The Discharger shall submit the technical reports and work plans required by this Order for consideration by the Executive Officer, and incorporate comments the Executive Officer may have in a timely manner, as appropriate. Unless expressly stated otherwise in this Order, the Discharger shall proceed with all work required by the foregoing provisions by the due dates specified.
7. The Discharger shall comply with MRP R5-2017-0078, which is part of this Order, and any revisions thereto as ordered by the Executive Officer. The submittal dates of Discharger self-monitoring reports shall be no later than the submittal date specified in the MRP.
8. The Discharger shall comply with the "Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements", dated 1 March 1991, which are attached hereto and made part of this Order by reference. This attachment and its individual paragraphs are commonly referenced as "Standard Provision(s)."
9. The Discharger shall comply with all conditions of this Order, including timely submittal of technical and monitoring reports. On or before each report due date, the Discharger shall submit the specified document to the Central Valley Water Board or, if appropriate, a written report detailing compliance or noncompliance with the specific schedule date and task. If noncompliance is being reported, then the Discharger shall state the reasons for such noncompliance and provide an estimate of the date when the Discharger will be in compliance. The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing when it returns to compliance with the time schedule. Violations may result in enforcement action, including Central Valley Water Board or court orders requiring corrective action or imposing civil monetary liability, or in revision or rescission of this Order.
10. The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by the Discharger when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order.



11. The Discharger shall use the best practicable cost-effective control technique(s) including proper operation and maintenance, to comply with this Order.
12. The Discharger shall provide certified wastewater treatment plant operators in accordance with Title 23, division 3, chapter 26.
13. As described in the Standard Provisions, the Discharger shall report promptly to the Central Valley Water Board any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge.
14. The Discharger shall report to the Central Valley Water Board any toxic chemical release data it reports to the State Emergency Response Commission within 15 days of reporting the data to the Commission pursuant to section 313 of the "Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986."
15. The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (General WDRs) for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Water Quality Order 2006-0003), the Revised General WDRs Monitoring and Reporting Program (Water Quality Order 2008-0002-EXEC), and any subsequent revisions thereto. Water Quality Order 2006-0003 and Order 2008-0002-EXEC require the Discharger to notify the Central Valley Water Board and take remedial action upon the reduction, loss, or failure of the sanitary sewer system resulting in a sanitary sewer overflow.
16. The Discharger shall not allow pollutant-free wastewater to be discharged into the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems in amounts that significantly diminish the system's capability to comply with this Order. Pollutant-free wastewater means rainfall, groundwater, cooling waters, and condensates that are essentially free of pollutants.
17. At least **90 days** prior to termination or expiration of any lease, contract, or agreement involving disposal or recycling areas or off-site reuse of effluent, used to justify the capacity authorized herein and assure compliance with this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing of the situation and of what measures have been taken or are being taken to assure full compliance with this Order.
18. In the event of any change in control or ownership of the WWTP, the Discharger must notify the succeeding owner or operator of the existence of this Order by letter, a copy of which shall be immediately forwarded to the Central Valley Water Board.
19. To assume operation as Discharger under this Order, the succeeding owner or operator must apply in writing to the Executive Officer requesting transfer of the Order. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the state of incorporation if a corporation, the name and address and telephone number of the persons responsible for contact with the Central Valley Water Board, and a statement. The statement shall comply with the signatory paragraph of Standard Provision B.3 and state that the new owner or operator assumes full responsibility for compliance with this Order. Failure to submit the request shall be considered a discharge without

requirements, a violation of the Water Code. If approved by the Executive Officer, the transfer request will be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board for its consideration of transferring the ownership of this Order at one of its regularly scheduled meetings.

20. A copy of this Order including the MRP, Information Sheet, Attachments, and Standard Provisions, shall be kept at the discharge facility for reference by operating personnel. Key operating personnel shall be familiar with its contents.
21. The Central Valley Water Board will review this Order periodically and will revise requirements when necessary.

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 or with the WDRs may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to the Water Code, including sections 13268, 13350 and 13385. 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 State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, 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 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 at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board on 9 June 2017.

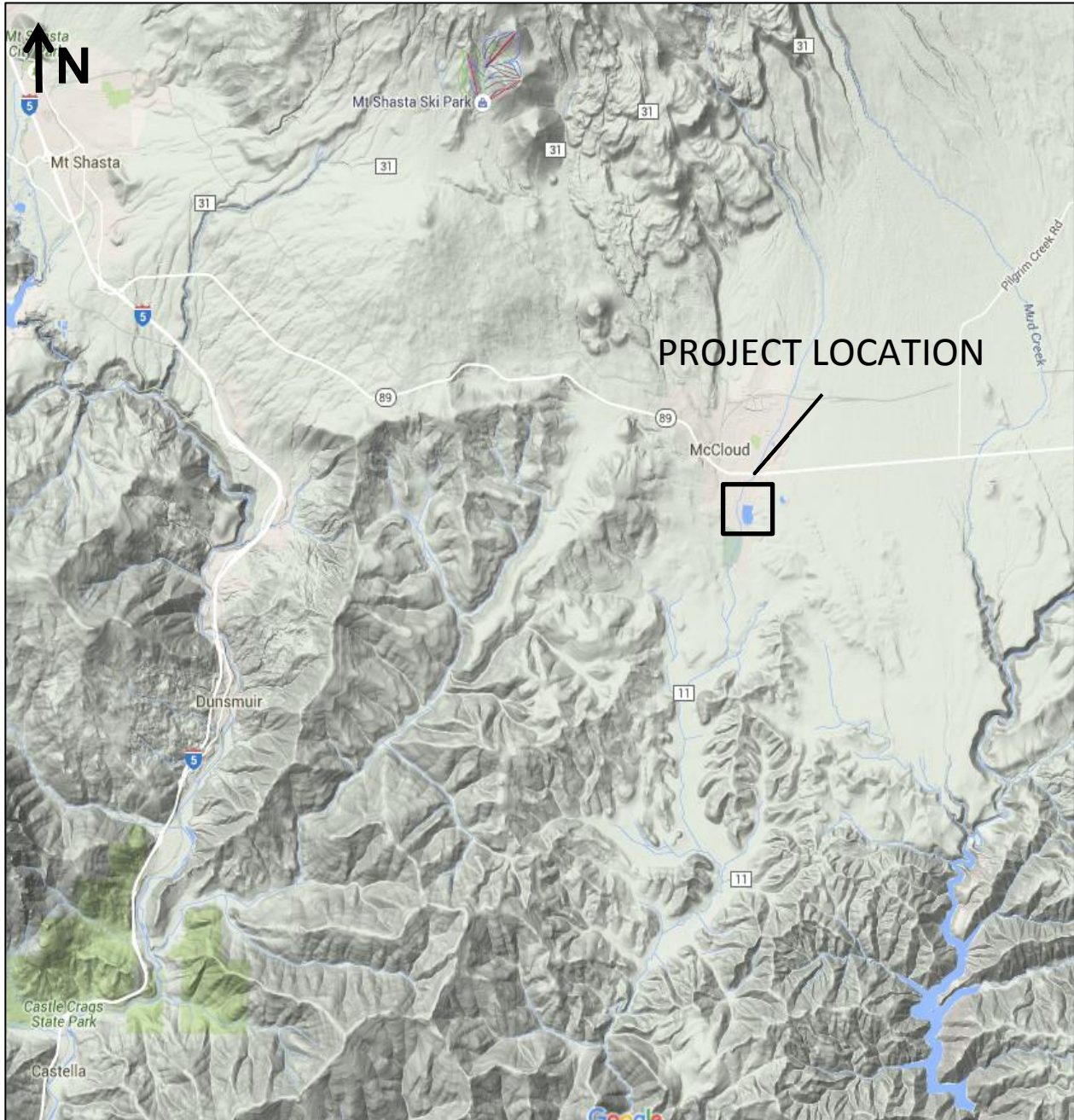
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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

ORDER R5-2017-0078  
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WASTEWATER TREATMENT/DISPOSAL PONDS  
SISKIYOU COUNTY

**ATTACHMENT A - LOCATION MAP**

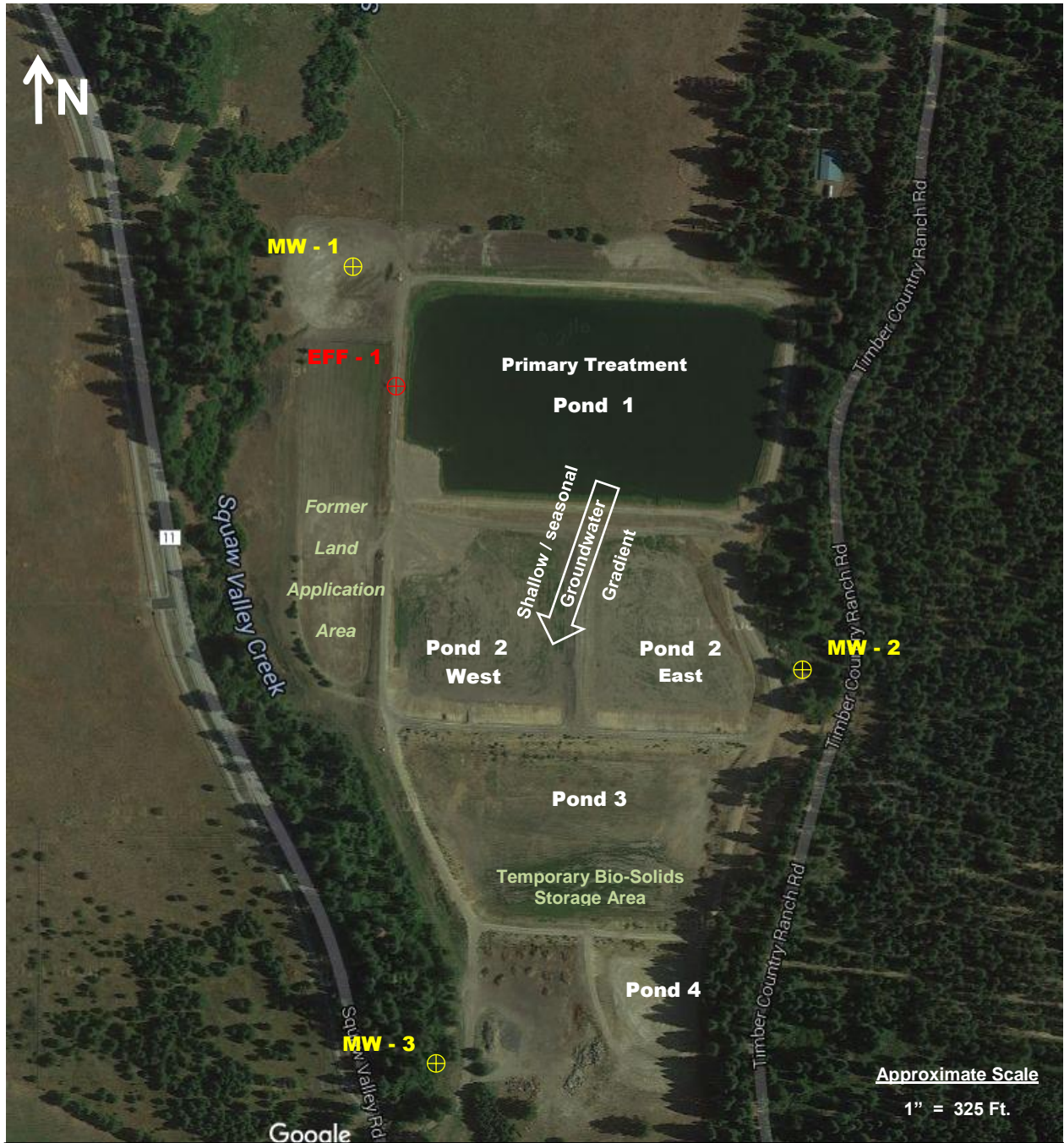


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**LOCATION MAP**

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**ATTACHMENT B – FACILITY MAP**



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CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM R5-2017-0078

FOR

MCCLOUD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT/DISPOSAL PONDS  
SISKIYOU COUNTY

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) describes requirements for monitoring a wastewater treatment system. This MRP is issued pursuant to Water Code section 13267. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until a revised MRP is issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) Executive Officer.

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

**I. GENERAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. FLOW MONITORING**

Hydraulic flow rates shall be measured at the monitoring points specified in this MRP. Central Valley Water Board staff shall approve any proposed changes to flow monitoring locations prior to implementation of the change. All flow monitoring systems shall be appropriate for the conveyance system (i.e., open channel flow or pressure pipeline) and liquid type. 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 shall be obtained at the monitoring points specified in this MRP and depicted on Attachment B. 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 Order:

<b>Monitoring Location Name</b>	<b>Monitoring Location Description</b>
EFF-001	Location where a representative sample of percolating/mounding effluent at the groundwater interface below Pond 1.
MW-1 through MW-3	Groundwater monitoring well locations.

**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. All analyses shall be performed in accordance with the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements*, dated 1 March 1991 (Standard Provisions).

Field test instruments (such as those used to measure pH, 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 or the California Department of Public Health's Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The Discharger may propose alternative methods for approval. Where technically feasible, laboratory reporting limits shall be lower than the applicable water quality objectives for the constituents to be analyzed.

If monitoring consistently shows no significant variation in a constituent concentration or parameter after at least 12 months of monitoring, the Discharger may request this MRP be revised to reduce monitoring frequency. The proposal must include adequate technical justification for reduction in monitoring frequency. This monitoring program shall remain in effect unless and until a revised MRP is issued.

## **II. SPECIFIC MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. INFLUENT MONITORING**

Influent flow rates shall be monitored and influent samples shall be collected upstream of the treatment system at the location(s) before entering the pond(s). At a minimum, influent shall be monitored as specified below:

Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sample Frequency	Reporting Frequency
Flow Rate <sup>a</sup>	gpd	Meter	Continuous	Quarterly

gpd denotes gallons per day. mg/L denotes milligrams per liter.

<sup>a</sup> At a minimum, the total flow shall be measured monthly to calculate the average daily flow for the month.

### B. EFFLUENT MONITORING

Effluent samples shall be taken from sampling point EFF-1 as shown on Attachment B. At a minimum, effluent shall be monitored as specified below:

Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sample Frequency	Reporting Frequency
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
pH	standard	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
EC	umhos/cm	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
BOD	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
TDS	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
FDS	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Nitrate as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Nitrite as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly

mg/L denotes milligrams per liter.

### C. POND MONITORING

Pond 1 used for primary treatment, storage, or disposal of wastewater shall be monitored as specified below. Dissolved oxygen monitoring applies to any pond containing more than two feet of standing water:

Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sample Frequency	Reporting Frequency
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
pH	standard	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
EC	umhos/cm	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
BOD	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
TDS	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
FDS	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Nitrate as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Nitrite as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly	Quarterly
Freeboard	0.1 feet	Measurement	Quarterly	Quarterly
Berm condition	--	Observation	Quarterly	Quarterly

mg/L denotes milligrams per liter.

<sup>1</sup> Samples shall be collected opposite the pond inlet at a depth of one foot.

<sup>2</sup> Freeboard shall be measured vertically from the surface of the pond water to the lowest elevation of the surrounding berm and shall be measured to the nearest 0.1 feet.

In addition, the Discharger shall inspect the condition of the ponds monthly and document visual observations. Notations shall include observations of:

- a. Presence of weeds in the water or along the berm;
- b. Accumulations of dead algae, vegetation, scum, or debris on the pond surface;
- c. Animal burrows in the berms;
- d. Evidence of seepage from the berms or downslope of the ponds;
- e. Evidence of tears, abrasions, cracks, and holes in geosynthetic liners.

#### D. GROUNDWATER MONITORING

The Discharger shall maintain the groundwater monitoring well network. If a groundwater monitoring well is dry for more than four consecutive sampling events or is damaged, the Discharger shall submit a work plan and proposed time schedule to replace the well(s). The well(s) shall be replaced following approval of the work plan.

The Discharger shall monitor groundwater quality as required herein from Monitoring Wells MW -1, MW-2 and MW-3. The following table lists all existing monitoring wells and designates the purpose for each well:

MW-1<sup>1</sup>      MW-2<sup>2</sup>      MW-3<sup>3</sup>

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- <sup>1</sup> Background compliance well.
  - <sup>2</sup> Cross gradient compliance well.
  - <sup>3</sup> Down gradient compliance well.

#### Groundwater Sampling and Analysis

Prior to purging or sampling, the groundwater depth shall be measured in each well to the nearest 0.01 feet. Groundwater elevations shall then be calculated to determine groundwater gradient and flow direction.

Low or no-purge sampling methods are acceptable, if described in an approved Sampling and Analysis Plan. Otherwise, each monitoring well shall be purged of at least 3 to 5 casing volumes until pH, electrical conductivity and turbidity have stabilized prior to sampling. Groundwater monitoring for all monitoring wells shall include, at a minimum, the following:

Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sampling/Reporting Frequency
Groundwater Elevation <sup>a</sup>	0.01 Feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Depth to Groundwater	0.01 Feet	Measurement	Quarterly
Gradient	Feet/Feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Gradient Direction	degrees	Calculated	Quarterly
pH	Std. Units	Grab	Quarterly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Nitrate as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Ammonia as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Nitrite as N	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly



Constituent	Units	Sample Type	Sampling/Reporting Frequency
Sodium	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Chloride	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Total Coliform Organisms <sup>b</sup>	MPN/100 mL	Grab	Quarterly

MPN/100 mL denotes most probable number per 100 mL sample. Std. Units denotes standard units. mg/L denotes milligrams per liter.

- a. Groundwater elevation shall be based on depth to water using a surveyed measuring point elevation on the well and a surveyed reference elevation.
- b. Using a minimum of 15 tubes or three dilutions.

## E. SLUDGE/BIOSOLIDS MONITORING

Sludge and/or biosolids monitoring shall be conducted as required in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Part 503.8(b)(4) at the following frequency, depending on volume of sludge generated and removed from the wastewater treatment system for disposal or treated for beneficial reuse as biosolids:

Volume Generated <sup>1</sup> (dry metric tons/year)	Monitoring Frequency	Reporting Frequency
0 to 290	Annually	Annually
290 to 1,500	Quarterly	Monthly
1,500 to 15,000	Bimonthly	Monthly
Greater than 15,000	Monthly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of this MRP, "generated" means produced as a separate waste stream by sludge wasting or pond cleanout. It does not apply to sludge that accumulates in treatment or storage ponds until the sludge is removed for treatment or disposal.

At a minimum, sludge/biosolids samples shall be analyzed to determine the total concentration in mg/Kg for arsenic, lead, nickel, cadmium, mercury, selenium, copper, molybdenum, zinc, total nitrogen, and total solids.

Sludge and/or biosolids monitoring records shall be retained for a minimum of five years in accordance with 40 CFR, Part 503.17. A log shall be kept of sludge quantities generated and of handling, application, and disposal activities. The frequency of entries is discretionary; however, the log should be complete enough to serve as a basis to report sludge monitoring.

The Discharger shall demonstrate that treated sludge (i.e., biosolids) meets Class A or Class B pathogen reduction levels by one of the methods listed in 40 CFR, Part 503.32, and shall maintain records of the operational parameters used to comply with the Vector Attraction Reduction requirements in 40 CFR, Part 503.33(b), as well as records of offsite disposal (quantity, date, disposal site).

## 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: [centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the subject line of the email:

McCloud CSD/Siskiyou/WDR

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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  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**A transmittal letter shall accompany each monitoring report.** The letter shall include a discussion of all violations of the WDRs and 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. Pursuant to Section B.3 of the Standard Provisions and General Reporting Requirements, 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.

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, sample type (e.g., effluent, pond, 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 do not need to be included in the monitoring reports; however, all laboratory reports must be retained for a minimum of three years in accordance with Standard Provision C.3. For a Discharger conducting any of its own analyses, reports must also be signed and certified by the chief of the laboratory.

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.

In the future, the State Water Board or Central Valley Regional Water Board may require electronic submittal of monitoring reports using the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program Web site

(<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html>) or similar system. Electronic submittal to CIWQS, when implemented, will meet the requirements of our Paperless Office System.

#### **A. MONTHLY MONITORING REPORTS**

Monthly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Board by the **1<sup>st</sup> day of the second month** following the end of the reporting period (i.e. the January monthly report is due by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**). At a minimum, each monitoring report shall include the following:

1. Results of monthly Influent and Effluent Monitoring.
2. Results of Pond Monitoring.
3. Results of Industrial Wastewater Monitoring, if applicable.
4. Results of Sludge/Biosolids Monitoring, if applicable, and verification of classification of biosolids as nonhazardous per 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Article 11, Criteria for Identification of Hazardous and Extremely Hazardous Waste (California Assessment Manual procedures).
5. Copies of laboratory analytical report(s).
6. A comparison of monitoring data to the effluent limitations and discharge specifications and an explanation of any violation of those requirements.
7. A copy of inspection log page(s) documenting inspections completed during the month.
8. A calibration log verifying calibration of all monitoring instruments and devices used to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program.

#### **B. QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORTS**

Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Board by the **1<sup>st</sup> day of the second month after the quarter** (i.e. the January-March quarterly report is due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**). Each Quarterly Monitoring Report shall include the following:

1. Results of Groundwater Monitoring, if performed during the quarter, including:
  - a. A narrative description of all preparatory, monitoring, sampling, and sample handling for groundwater monitoring.
  - b. A field log for each well documenting depth to groundwater; method of purging; parameters measured before, during, and after purging; sample preparation (e.g., filtering); and sample preservation.
  - c. Calculation of the groundwater elevation at each monitoring well, and determination of groundwater flow direction and gradient on the date of measurement.
  - d. Summary data tables of historical and current water table elevations and analytical results.

- e. A scaled map showing relevant structures and features of the facility, the locations of monitoring wells, surface waters, and groundwater elevation contours referenced to an appropriate datum (e.g., NGVD).
2. Results of and Sludge/Biosolids Monitoring, if applicable, and verification of classification of biosolids as nonhazardous per 22 CCR, Article 11, Criteria for Identification of Hazardous and Extremely Hazardous Waste (California Assessment Manual procedures).
3. Copies of laboratory analytical report(s).
4. A comparison of monitoring data to the groundwater limitations, and discharge specifications and an explanation of any violation of those requirements.
5. A copy of inspection log page(s) documenting inspections completed during the quarter.
6. A copy of calibration log page(s) verifying calibration of all hand-held monitoring instruments performed during the quarter.

### **C. ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS**

The Fourth Quarterly Monitoring Report will serve as an **Annual Monitoring Report**. The Fourth Quarterly Monitoring Report for each calendar year shall include the following in addition to the items listed above.

1. Effective 2017, and every five years thereafter, an evaluation of sludge depth and sludge removal plans pursuant to Discharge Specification D.15.
2. Concentration vs. time graphs for each monitored constituent using all historic groundwater monitoring data. Each graph shall show the background groundwater concentration range, the trigger concentration specified above, and the Groundwater Limitation as horizontal lines at the applicable concentration.
3. Sludge/Biosolids monitoring results, if sludge or biosolids were removed for off-site disposal during the year.
4. A summary of all biosolids/sludge analytical data and verification of compliance with the biosolids/sludge monitoring requirements.
5. A summary of information on the disposal of sludge and/or solid waste during the calendar year.
6. An evaluation of the performance of the WWTP, including discussion of capacity issues, infiltration and inflow rates, nuisance conditions, and a forecast of the flows anticipated in the next year, as described in Standard Provision E.4.
7. A discussion of compliance and the corrective actions taken, as well as any planned or proposed actions needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.

8. A copy of the certification for each certified wastewater treatment plant operator working at the facility and a statement about whether the Discharger is in compliance with Title 23, CCR, Division 3, Chapter 26.
9. Monitoring equipment maintenance and calibration records, as described in Standard Provision C.4.
10. A statement of when the wastewater treatment system Operation and Maintenance Manual was last reviewed for adequacy and a description of any changes made during the year.
11. A discussion of any data gaps and potential deficiencies or redundancies in the monitoring system or reporting program.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program as of the date of this Order.

*Original Signed By*

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_  
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

9 June 2017

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Date

## GLOSSARY

BOD <sub>5</sub>	Five-day biochemical oxygen demand
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Calcium carbonate
DO	Dissolved oxygen
EC	Electrical conductivity at 25° C
FDS	Fixed dissolved solids
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity unit
TKN	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen
TDS	Total dissolved solids
TSS	Total suspended solids
Continuous	The specified parameter shall be measured by a meter continuously.
24-hr Composite	Samples shall be a flow-proportioned composite consisting of at least eight aliquots over a 24-hour period.
Daily	Every day
Twice Weekly	Twice per week on non-consecutive days.
Weekly	Once per week.
Twice Monthly	Twice per month during non-consecutive weeks.
Monthly	Once per calendar month.
Bimonthly	Once every two calendar months (i.e., six times per year) during non-consecutive months.
Quarterly	Once per calendar quarter.
Semiannually	Once every six calendar months (i.e., two times per year) during non-consecutive quarters.
Annually	Once per year.
mg/L	Milligrams per liter
mL/L	Milliliters [of solids] per liter
µg/L	Micrograms per liter
µmhos/cm	Micromhos per centimeter
gpd	Gallons per day
mgd	Million gallons per day
MPN/100 mL	Most probable number [of organisms] per 100 milliliters
MTF	Multiple tube fermentation

## INFORMATION SHEET

ORDER R5-2017-0078  
MCCLLOUD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT/DISPOSAL PONDS  
SISKIYOU COUNTY

### Background

McCloud Community Services District (Discharger) owns and operates the McCloud Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). On 11 May 2016 the Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to apply for renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for an existing publicly owned WWTP. An amended RWD was submitted on 7 December 2016. On 20 December 2016 the RWD was deemed complete.

The Discharger maintains approximately 700 connections which equate to approximately 855 household equivalents and no industrial users.

Ponds (1, 2, and 3) were constructed in 1965; Pond 4 and a land-application area were added in 1996. In 2000 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2000-0109 to the Discharger to address the Facility's aging wastewater collection system. The collection system was fully replaced between 2002 and 2006 at a cost of 11 million dollars.

The WWTP is currently regulated under WDRs Order 97-083 which allows discharge to 4 unlined treatment ponds and a land application area.

### EXISTING FACILITY

The disposal/treatment system consists of inlet structures (flume, ultrasonic flow meter, and two distribution boxes), and four unlined ponds. The ponds can be operated in series. However, Pond No. 1 has been the primary discharge pond except for times of sludge removal since 2004. Inlet flow can be diverted to Pond No. 2 West or Pond No. 3 to allow drying and cleanout. Pond areas are approximately 8.3, 6.9, 4.8, and 0.9 acres for Pond Nos. 1 through 4 respectively; with Pond 2 consisting of two separate cells (East & West). The 1997 permit allowed for the discharge of wastewater to an adjacent land application area, this area has not been used in 10 years due to reductions in wastewater flows.

The disposal ponds receive approximately 155,000 gallons per day (gpd) of domestic sewage (2013-2016) from 700 residential and commercial connections; there are no industrial connections to the system. This flow volume is down from 255,000 gpd in 1997; mostly due to decreasing population after the McCloud Saw Mill closed in 2001 and the reduction in inflow and infiltration after upgrading the collection system. The design capacity for the facility is 300,000 gpd.

Influent wastewater does not receive treatment before entering the ponds. Treatment in the ponds consists of natural aeration, and decomposition. After percolating through a shallow soil profile of silts, sands and gravels, effluent migrates into fractured bedrock underlying the ponds. Dye tracer studies have been performed with no observed impacts to nearby Squaw Valley

Creek. Secondary testing of Squaw Valley Creek has also indicated no impacts from pond discharge.

Constituents of concern that have the potential to degrade groundwater include salts (primarily TDS, sodium, and chloride), and nutrients, as discussed below.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Pond 1, 03/16/16</b>	<b>MW-1 (upgradient) 03/16/16</b>	<b>MW-3 (downgradient) 03/16/16</b>	<b>EFF- 1, (Pond 1, Western Berm) 5/26/16</b>
Sodium	mg/L	24	12	4.9	13
Potassium	mg/L	10	4.6	0.52 <sup>J</sup>	5.3
Bicarbonate	mg/L	210	36	36	89
Chloride	mg/L	16	3.2	0.90	8.35
Nitrate as N	mg/L	<0.02	0.1	0.73	<0.02
Ammonia as N	mg/L	16	0.056 <sup>J</sup>	0.028 <sup>J</sup>	--
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	34	5.7	<0.08	--
Total Dissolved Solids @ 180 C	mg/L	320	55	47	110
Sulfate	mg/L	5.8	1.6	0.91 <sup>J</sup>	0.54 <sup>J</sup>
Turbidity	NTU	800	14.21	3.01	3.26
Dissolved Oxygen	mg O/L	<0.5	5.30	2.54	2.56
pH	pH units	6.95	7.79	7.49	5.94
Electrical Conductivity	µmhos/cm	420	95	67	236
Temperature	°C	20.1	11.4	8.7	15.4

<sup>J</sup> denotes Lab interference, -- denotes Not Analyzed

## GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

California Department of Water Resources (19 well logs) from domestic wells in the area, average total depth of well 120 feet below ground surface (bgs), average depth to static water 34 feet bgs. Well yields range from 10 to 100 gpm. Dye tracer studies have been performed with no observed impacts in the nearby Squaw Valley Creek or other areas of known/suspected groundwater surfacing/discharge. Analysis of samples from Squaw Valley Creek also indicated no impacts from pond discharge. The distance from the WWTP to the closest well is unknown; however there are no wells within at least a half mile downgradient of the ponds as this property is owned by the district.



Three groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1 through MW-3) were installed in March 2016 and one additional well (MW-4) in May 2016 in response to the Central Valley Water Board's request for a new RWD. Monitoring Well MW-2 installed east or cross gradient of the ponds has never contained water. Data collected for the wells indicates groundwater gradient is south-southwest, generally following surface topography. Shallow groundwater beneath the site ranges from approximately 2 to 5 feet bgs and is likely seasonal and precipitation dependent.

## **BASIN PLAN, BENEFICIAL USES, AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised July 2016 (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Board. The beneficial uses of underlying groundwater as set forth in the Basin Plan are Industrial Process Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN), Agricultural Supply (AGR), Industrial Service Supply (IND), Industrial Process Supply (PRO).

## **ANTIDegradation**

The Discharger initiated groundwater monitoring at the Facility in 2016. Based on the data available, it is not possible to determine pre-1968 groundwater quality. Therefore, determination of compliance with Resolution 68-16 for this Facility must be based on existing background groundwater quality.

The discharge and the potential for groundwater degradation allowed in this Order is consistent with the Antidegradation Policy since; (a) the limited degradation allowed by this Order will not result in water quality less than the water quality objectives, or unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses, (b) the Discharger has implemented BPTC to minimize degradation, and (c) the limited degradation is of the maximum benefit to the people of the State.

## **CEQA**

The adoption of this Order for an existing WWTP is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, [and] permitting ... of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features" from environmental review.

## **TITLE 27**

Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (hereafter Title 27) contains regulatory requirements for the treatment, storage, processing, and disposal of solid waste. However, Title 27 exempts certain activities from its provisions. Discharges regulated by this Order are exempt from Title 27 pursuant to provisions that exempt domestic sewage, wastewater, and reuse. Title 27, section 20090 states in part:

The following activities shall be exempt from the SWRCB-promulgated provisions of this subdivision, so long as the activity meets, and continues to meet, all preconditions listed:

- (a) Sewage - Discharges of domestic sewage or treated effluent which are regulated by WDRs issued pursuant to Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 23 of this code, or for which WDRs have been waived, and which are consistent with applicable water quality objectives, and treatment or storage facilities associated with municipal wastewater treatment plants, provided that residual sludge or solid waste from wastewater treatment facilities shall be discharged only in accordance with the applicable SWRCB-promulgated provisions of this division.
- (b) Wastewater - Discharges of wastewater to land, including but not limited to evaporation ponds, percolation ponds, or subsurface leach fields if the following conditions are met:
  - 1) The applicable RWQCB has issued WDRs, reclamation requirements, or waived such issuance;
  - 2) The discharge is in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan; and
  - 3) The wastewater does not need to be managed according to Chapter 11, Division 4.5, Title 22 of this code as a hazardous waste . . .
- (c) Reuse - Recycling or other use of materials salvaged from waste, or produced by waste treatment, such as scrap metal, compost, and recycled chemicals, provided that discharges of residual wastes from recycling or treatment operations to land shall be according to applicable provisions of this division.

**Proposed Order Terms and Conditions**

**DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS**

- 1. Discharge of wastes to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited.
- 2. Discharge of waste classified as 'hazardous', as defined in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66261.1 et seq., is prohibited.
- 3. Treatment system bypass of untreated or partially treated waste is prohibited, except as allowed by Standard Provision E.2 of the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements*.
- 4. Discharge of waste at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Findings is prohibited.

5. The Discharger shall not allow toxic substances to be discharged into the wastewater treatment system or land application areas such that biological treatment mechanisms are disrupted.
6. Discharge to the overland flow/land application area is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Officer.
7. The discharge of offsite waste transported to the WWTP for disposal is prohibited unless approved by the Executive Officer.

### **MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 13267 of the California Water Code authorizes the Central Valley Water Board to require the Discharger to submit monitoring and technical reports as necessary to investigate the impact of a waste discharge on waters of the State.

The proposed Order includes influent, effluent, pond, and groundwater monitoring. This monitoring is necessary to characterize the discharge, evaluate compliance with effluent limitations prescribed by this Order, and evaluate groundwater quality and the extent of degradation, if any, caused by the discharge.

### **REOPENER**

The conditions of discharge in the proposed Order were developed based on currently available technical information and applicable water quality laws, regulations, policies, and plans, and are intended to assure conformance with them. The proposed Order would set limitations based on the information provided thus far. If applicable laws and regulations change, or once new information is obtained that will change the overall discharge and its potential to impact groundwater, it may be appropriate to reopen the order.

### **LEGAL EFFECT OF RESCISSION OF PRIOR WDRS OR ORDERS ON EXISTING VIOLATIONS**

The Board's rescission of prior waste discharge requirements and/or monitoring and reporting orders does not extinguish any violations that may have occurred during the time those waste discharge requirements or orders were in effect. The Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to take enforcement actions to address violations of prior prohibitions, limitations, specifications, requirements, or provisions of rescinded waste discharge requirements or orders as allowed by law.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

STANDARD PROVISIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

1 March 1991

**A. General Provisions:**

1. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to the property of another, or protect the Discharger from liabilities under federal, state, or local laws. This Order does not convey any property rights or exclusive privileges.
2. The provisions of this Order are severable. If any provision of this Order is held invalid, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected.
3. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  - b. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
  - c. A change in any condition that results in either a temporary or permanent need to reduce or eliminate the authorized discharge;
  - d. A material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge.
4. Before making a material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge, the discharger shall file a new Report of Waste Discharge with the Regional Board. A material change includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. An increase in area or depth to be used for solid waste disposal beyond that specified in waste discharge requirements.
  - b. A significant change in disposal method, location or volume, e.g., change from land disposal to land treatment.
  - c. The addition of a major industrial, municipal or domestic waste discharge facility.
  - d. The addition of a major industrial waste discharge to a discharge of essentially domestic sewage, or the addition of a new process or product by an industrial facility resulting in a change in the character of the waste.

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5. Except for material determined to be confidential in accordance with California law and regulations, all reports prepared in accordance with terms of this Order shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Board. Data on waste discharges, water quality, geology, and hydrogeology shall not be considered confidential.
6. The discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of the state resulting from noncompliance with this Order. Such steps shall include accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncompliance.
7. The discharger shall maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible any facility, control system, or monitoring device installed to achieve compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
8. The discharger shall permit representatives of the Regional Board (hereafter Board) and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon presentations of credentials, to:
  - a. Enter premises where wastes are treated, stored, or disposed of and facilities in which any records are kept,
  - b. Copy any records required to be kept under terms and conditions of this Order,
  - c. Inspect at reasonable hours, monitoring equipment required by this Order, and
  - d. Sample, photograph and video tape any discharge, waste, waste management unit, or monitoring device.
9. For any electrically operated equipment at the site, the failure of which would cause loss of control or containment of waste materials, or violation of this Order, the discharger shall employ safeguards to prevent loss of control over wastes. Such safeguards may include alternate power sources, standby generators, retention capacity, operating procedures, or other means.
10. The fact that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in Order to maintain compliance with this Order shall not be a defense for the discharger's violations of the Order.
11. Neither the treatment nor the discharge shall create a condition of nuisance or pollution as defined by the California Water Code, Section 13050.
12. The discharge shall remain within the designated disposal area at all times.

**B. General Reporting Requirements:**

1. In the event the discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply with any prohibition or limitation of this Order for any reason, the discharger shall notify the Board by telephone at **(916) 464-3291** [*Note: Current phone numbers for all three Regional Board offices may be found on the internet at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/contact\\_us](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/contact_us).*] as soon as it or its agents

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have knowledge of such noncompliance or potential for noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing within **two weeks**. The written notification shall state the nature, time and cause of noncompliance, and shall include a timetable for corrective actions.

2. The discharger shall have a plan for preventing and controlling accidental discharges, and for minimizing the effect of such events.

This plan shall:

- a. Identify the possible sources of accidental loss or leakage of wastes from each waste management, treatment, or disposal facility.
- b. Evaluate the effectiveness of present waste management/treatment units and operational procedures, and identify needed changes of contingency plans.
- c. Predict the effectiveness of the proposed changes in waste management/treatment facilities and procedures and provide an implementation schedule containing interim and final dates when changes will be implemented.

The Board, after review of the plan, may establish conditions that it deems necessary to control leakages and minimize their effects.

3. All reports shall be signed by persons identified below:
  - a. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president.
  - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.
  - c. For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected or appointed official.
  - d. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in 3a, 3b or 3c of this requirement if;
    - (1) the authorization is made in writing by a person described in 3a, 3b or 3c of this provision;
    - (2) the authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a waste management unit, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and
    - (3) the written authorization is submitted to the Board

Any person signing a document under this Section shall make the following certification:

“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 the 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.”

4. Technical and monitoring reports specified in this Order are requested pursuant to Section 13267 of the Water Code. Failing to furnish the reports by the specified deadlines and falsifying information in the reports, are misdemeanors that may result in assessment of civil liabilities against the discharger.
5. The discharger shall mail a copy of each monitoring report and any other reports required by this Order to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

*Note: Current addresses for all three Regional Board offices may be found on the internet at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/contact\\_us](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/contact_us) or the current address if the office relocates.*

### C. Provisions for Monitoring:

1. All analyses shall be made in accordance with the latest edition of: (1) *Methods for Organic Chemical Analysis of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater* (EPA 600 Series) and (2) *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (SW 846-latest edition). The test method may be modified subject to application and approval of alternate test procedures under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 136).
2. Chemical, bacteriological, and bioassay analysis shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services. In the event a certified laboratory is not available to the discharger, analyses performed by a noncertified laboratory will be accepted provided a Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program is instituted by the laboratory. A manual containing the steps followed in this program must be kept in the laboratory and shall be available for inspection by Board staff. The Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program must conform to EPA guidelines or to procedures approved by the Board.

Unless otherwise specified, all metals shall be reported as Total Metals.

3. The discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings of continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to

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complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Regional Board Executive Officer.

Record of monitoring information shall include:

- a. the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements,
  - b. the individual(s) who performed the sampling of the measurements,
  - c. the date(s) analyses were performed,
  - d. the individual(s) who performed the analyses,
  - e. the laboratory which performed the analysis,
  - f. the analytical techniques or methods used, and
  - g. the results of such analyses.
4. All monitoring instruments and devices used by the discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated at least yearly to ensure their continued accuracy.
  5. The discharger shall maintain a written sampling program sufficient to assure compliance with the terms of this Order. Anyone performing sampling on behalf of the discharger shall be familiar with the sampling plan.
  6. The discharger shall construct all monitoring wells to meet or exceed the standards stated in the State Department of Water Resources *Bulletin 74-81* and subsequent revisions, and shall comply with the reporting provisions for wells required by Water Code Sections 13750 through 13755.22

**D. Standard Conditions for Facilities Subject to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 15 (Chapter 15)**

1. All classified waste management units shall be designed under the direct supervision of a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist. Designs shall include a Construction Quality Assurance Plan, the purpose of which is to:
  - a. demonstrate that the waste management unit has been constructed according to the specifications and plans as approved by the Board.
  - b. provide quality control on the materials and construction practices used to construct the waste management unit and prevent the use of inferior products and/or materials which do not meet the approved design plans or specifications.
2. Prior to the discharge of waste to any classified waste management unit, a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist must certify that the waste management unit meets the construction or prescriptive standards and performance goals in Chapter 15, unless an engineered alternative has been approved by the Board. In the case of an engineered alternative, the registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist must



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certify that the waste management unit has been constructed in accordance with Board-approved plans and specifications.

3. Materials used to construct liners shall have appropriate physical and chemical properties to ensure containment of discharged wastes over the operating life, closure, and post-closure maintenance period of the waste management units.
4. Closure of each waste management unit shall be performed under the direct supervision of a California registered civil engineer or a California certified engineering geologist.

**E. Conditions Applicable to Discharge Facilities Exempted from Chapter 15 Under Section 2511**

1. If the discharger's wastewater treatment plant is publicly owned or regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, it shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certificates of appropriate grade according to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 4, Chapter 14.
2. By-pass (the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, except diversions designed to meet variable effluent limits) is prohibited. The Board may take enforcement action against the discharger for by-pass unless:
  - a. (1) By-pass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. (Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities that causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a by-pass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production); and
    - (2) There were no feasible alternatives to by-pass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or retention of untreated waste. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a by-pass that would otherwise occur during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; or
  - b. (1) by-pass is required for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation; and
    - (2) neither effluent nor receiving water limitations are exceeded; and
    - (3) the discharger notifies the Board ten days in advance.

The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated by-pass as required in paragraph B.1. above.

3. A discharger that wishes to establish the affirmative defense of an upset (see definition in E.6 below) in an action brought for noncompliance shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other evidence, that:

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- a. an upset occurred and the cause(s) can be identified;
- b. the permitted facility was being properly operated at the time of the upset;
- c. the discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph B.1. above; and
- d. the discharger complied with any remedial measures required by waste discharge requirements.

In any enforcement proceeding, the discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

4. A discharger whose waste flow has been increasing, or is projected to increase, shall estimate when flows will reach hydraulic and treatment capacities of its treatment, collection, and disposal facilities. The projections shall be made in January, based on the last three years' average dry weather flows, peak wet weather flows and total annual flows, as appropriate. When any projection shows that capacity of any part of the facilities may be exceeded in four years, the discharger shall notify the Board by **31 January**.
5. Effluent samples shall be taken downstream of the last addition of wastes to the treatment or discharge works where a representative sample may be obtained prior to disposal. Samples shall be collected at such a point and in such a manner to ensure a representative sample of the discharge.
6. Definitions
  - a. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Discharger. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper action.
  - b. The monthly average discharge is the total discharge by volume during a calendar month divided by the number of days in the month that the facility was discharging. This number is to be reported in gallons per day or million gallons per day.

Where less than daily sampling is required by this Order, the monthly average shall be determined by the summation of all the measured discharges by the number of days during the month when the measurements were made.
  - c. The monthly average concentration is the arithmetic mean of measurements made during the month.
  - d. The "daily maximum" **discharge** is the total discharge by volume during any day.

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- e. The “daily maximum” **concentration** is the highest measurement made on any single discrete sample or composite sample.
- f. A “grab” sample is any sample collected in less than 15 minutes.
- g. Unless otherwise specified, a composite sample is a combination of individual samples collected over the specified sampling period;
  - (1) at equal time intervals, with a maximum interval of one hour
  - (2) at varying time intervals (average interval one hour or less) so that each sample represents an equal portion of the cumulative flow.

The duration of the sampling period shall be specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program. The method of compositing shall be reported with the results.

#### 7. Annual Pretreatment Report Requirements:

Applies to dischargers required to have a Pretreatment Program as stated in waste discharge requirements.)

The annual report shall be submitted **by 28 February** and include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- a. A summary of analytical results from representative, flow-proportioned, 24-hour composite sampling of the influent and effluent for those pollutants EPA has identified under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act which are known or suspected to be discharged by industrial users.

The discharger is not required to sample and analyze for asbestos until EPA promulgates an applicable analytical technique under 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 136. Sludge shall be sampled during the same 24-hour period and analyzed for the same pollutants as the influent and effluent sampling analysis. The sludge analyzed shall be a composite sample of a minimum of 12 discrete samples taken at equal time intervals over the 24-hour period. Wastewater and sludge sampling and analysis shall be performed at least annually. The discharger shall also provide any influent, effluent or sludge monitoring data for nonpriority pollutants which may be causing or contributing to Interference, Pass Through or adversely impacting sludge quality. Sampling and analysis shall be performed in accordance with the techniques prescribed in 40 CFR Part 136 and amendments thereto.

- b. A discussion of Upset, Interference, or Pass Through incidents, if any, at the treatment plant which the discharger knows or suspects were caused by industrial users of the system. The discussion shall include the reasons why the incidents occurred, the corrective actions taken and, if known, the name and address of the industrial user(s) responsible. The discussion shall also include a review of the applicable pollutant limitations to determine whether any

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additional limitations, or changes to existing requirements, may be necessary to prevent Pass Through, Interference, or noncompliance with sludge disposal requirements.

- c. The cumulative number of industrial users that the discharger has notified regarding Baseline Monitoring Reports and the cumulative number of industrial user responses.
- d. An updated list of the discharger's industrial users including their names and addresses, or a list of deletions and additions keyed to a previously submitted list. The discharger shall provide a brief explanation for each deletion. The list shall identify the industrial users subject to federal categorical standards by specifying which set(s) of standards are applicable. The list shall indicate which categorical industries, or specific pollutants from each industry, are subject to local limitations that are more stringent than the federal categorical standards. The discharger shall also list the noncategorical industrial users that are subject only to local discharge limitations. The discharger shall characterize the compliance status through the year of record of each industrial user by employing the following descriptions:
  - (1) Complied with baseline monitoring report requirements (where applicable);
  - (2) Consistently achieved compliance;
  - (3) Inconsistently achieved compliance;
  - (4) Significantly violated applicable pretreatment requirements as defined by 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vii);
  - (5) Complied with schedule to achieve compliance (include the date final compliance is required);
  - (6) Did not achieve compliance and not on a compliance schedule;
  - (7) Compliance status unknown.

A report describing the compliance status of any industrial user characterized by the descriptions in items (d)(3) through (d)(7) above shall be **submitted quarterly from the annual report date** to EPA and the Board. The report shall identify the specific compliance status of each such industrial user. This quarterly reporting requirement shall commence upon issuance of this Order.

- e. A summary of the inspection and sampling activities conducted by the discharger during the past year to gather information and data regarding the industrial users. The summary shall include but not be limited to, a tabulation of categories of dischargers that were inspected and sampled; how many and how often; and incidents of noncompliance detected.

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- f. A summary of the compliance and enforcement activities during the past year. The summary shall include the names and addresses of the industrial users affected by the following actions:
- (1) Warning letters or notices of violation regarding the industrial user's apparent noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the apparent violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;
  - (2) Administrative Orders regarding the industrial user's noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;
  - (3) Civil actions regarding the industrial user's noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations;
  - (4) Criminal actions regarding the industrial user's noncompliance with federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations. For each industrial user, identify whether the violation concerned the federal categorical standards or local discharge limitations.
  - (5) Assessment of monetary penalties. For each industrial user identify the amount of the penalties;
  - (6) Restriction of flow to the treatment plant; or
  - (7) Disconnection from discharge to the treatment plant.
- g. A description of any significant changes in operating the pretreatment program which differ from the discharger's approved Pretreatment Program, including, but not limited to, changes concerning: the program's administrative structure; local industrial discharge limitations; monitoring program or monitoring frequencies; legal authority of enforcement policy; funding mechanisms; resource requirements; and staffing levels.
- h. A summary of the annual pretreatment budget, including the cost of pretreatment program functions and equipment purchases.
- i. A summary of public participation activities to involve and inform the public.
- j. A description of any changes in sludge disposal methods and a discussion of any concerns not described elsewhere in the report.

Duplicate signed copies of these reports shall be submitted to the Board and:

Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency W-5  
75 Hawthorne Street  
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and

State Water Resource Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
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