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TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., STATION 36 – CARRIER CANAL, KERN RIVER OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY

On 12 September 2007, a tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order (Order) concerning the discharge of treated produced water from the Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) Kern River Area Station 36 facility to the Carrier Canal was circulated for public comment. Written comments were submitted by Chevron (via email) on 15 October 2007 and additional comments were discussed in a meeting among Chevron and Regional Water Board staff on 9 October 2007. No other comments were received by the specified date of 15 October 2007.

Chevron requested elimination of testing requirements related to the municipal and domestic supply (MUN) and warm freshwater habitat (WARM) beneficial use designations as discharge to the Carrier Canal will not occur when Canal water is conveyed to the municipal water treatment plant or to the Kern River. The change not been made as the quality of water in the Canal must be protective of such beneficial uses. Additional language has been added to the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) that allows the Executive Officer to modify the MRP should Chevron provide appropriate technical justification. Chevron's request for typographical and factual edits have been incorporated in the revised tentative Order.

Enclosed is a revised (strikeout) version of the tentative Order anticipated to be considered for adoption by the Regional Water Board at its meeting on 6/7 December 2007. Regional Water Board staff have calendared the item as uncontested. Please notify us immediately if Chevron will contest the tentative Order so staff can plan accordingly.

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the revised tentative Order to the Discharger only. Interested parties may download the revised tentative Order from our website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative>.

If you have any questions regarding the tentative Order, or if you do not have internet access and wish to request a paper copy, please contact Mr. Dane Mathis at (559) 488-4287.

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Enclosure: Revised Tentative Order (Discharger only)

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