

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2008-XXXX

AMENDING

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2007-0130
(NPDES NO. CA0079529)
FOR

CITY OF COLFAX
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLACER COUNTY

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

1. The Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2007-0130 (NPDES No. CA0079529) on 25 October 2007. The WDRs prescribe effluent limitations and other requirements for the City of Colfax (hereafter Discharger) wastewater treatment plant, in Placer County. The wastewater treatment plant serves a community with a population of approximately 1800 people, with no significant industrial users.
2. The wastewater treatment plant currently collects sludge in ponds at the facility. The sludge requires periodic removal and disposal at a landfill. The facility does not include sludge drying beds or other processing equipment at this time. Sludge has not recently been removed from the ponds.
3. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. R5-2007-0130 is a part of the WDRs, and includes Requirement IX.B.1., which states, in part, the following:

A composite sample of sludge shall be collected when sludge is removed from the ponds for disposal in accordance with USEPA's POTW Sludge Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document, August 1989, and tested for the metals listed in Title 22.

4. MRP No. R5-2007-0130 also includes Requirement IX.B.3., which states, in part, the following:

Upon removal of sludge, the Discharger shall submit characterization of sludge quality, including sludge percent solids and quantitative results of chemical analysis for the priority pollutants listed in 40 CFR 122 Appendix D, Tables II and III (excluding total phenols)....

5. The requirement to characterize sludge for all priority pollutants each time it is removed from the ponds is excessive, given the small size of the community and the lack of significant industrial activity. The Regional Water Board finds that the burden, including costs to provide the information, does not bear a reasonable relationship to

the need for or the benefit to be obtained from the information.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Requirement IX.B.1. of Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R5-2007-0130 is amended to read as follows:

“A composite sample of sludge shall be collected annually when sludge is removed from the ponds for disposal in accordance with USEPA’s POTW Sludge Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document, August 1989, and tested for the following metals: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, and zinc.

2. Requirement IX.B.3. of Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R5-2007-0130 is amended to read, in part, as follows:

“Upon removal of sludge, the Discharger shall submit characterization of sludge quality, including sludge percent solids and quantitative results of chemical analyses of sludge sample(s). Suggested methods for analysis of sludge...”

The City of Colfax, its agents, successors and assigns, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, shall comply with WDR Order No. R5-2007-0130, as amended by Resolution No. R5-2008-XXXX.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on XX March 2008.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer