

ITEM: 24

SUBJECT: Sacramento Area Sewer District, Walnut Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant, Sacramento County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Time Schedule Order*

BACKGROUND: The Sacramento Area Sewer District, formerly Sacramento County Sanitation District No. 1 (hereafter Discharger), owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the community of Walnut Grove. On 6 June 2003, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0084, (NPDES No. CA0078794) that prescribes Waste Discharge Requirements for the Walnut Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Facility, during the winter months, discharges disinfected secondary effluent into Snodgrass Slough, which is tributary to the Sacramento River and is located within the legal boundaries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Discharger completed an Engineering Feasibility Study to evaluate project alternatives for complying with Order R5-2003-0084. The Feasibility Report concluded that the preferred project alternative was to cease the surface water discharge and construct a pipeline to convey untreated wastewater from the Facility to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP). Due to various complexities associated with the design and construction of the pipeline project, the Discharger requested additional modifications to the provisions and monitoring requirements. On 26 October 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Resolution No. R5-2007-0144, amending Order No. R5-2003-0084 to prevent the Discharger from incurring unnecessary costs for a facility that will be abandoned.

On 15 August 2008, the Discharger informed Regional Water Board staff that the pipeline alignment encountered an unanticipated and unexpected impediment that was beyond the control of the Discharger. The impediment would affect completion of the pipeline and would require the Discharger to reevaluate the pipeline alignment. Due to the delay, the Discharger may need to discharge to Snodgrass Slough in violation of Order No. R5-2003-0084 as amended. The proposed Time Schedule Order provides a time schedule for the Discharger to develop, submit, and implement methods of compliance, including construction of necessary conveyance facilities to cease discharge to surface waters.

No comments were received for the proposed Time Schedule Order.

ISSUES: None

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