

ITEM: 32

SUBJECT: Uncontested NPDES Permit

REPORT: Following is proposed permit. All agencies and the dischargers concur, or have offered no comments. Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal

a	<p>General Waste Discharge Requirements for Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facilities Discharging to Surface Waters</p> <p>The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) currently regulates surface water discharges from fish hatcheries pursuant to General Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0018-01 (General Order). This General Order applies to individuals, public agencies, private businesses, and other legal entities that operate facilities with discharges to surface waters that meet the definition of a cold water concentrated aquatic animal production (CAAP) facility, as defined in section 122.24 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. To be eligible for coverage under the General Order, the facility must discharge at least 30 calendar days per year, produce at least 20,000 pounds harvest weight of aquatic animals per year, and feed at least 5,000 pounds of food during the calendar month of maximum feeding. A Discharger that does not meet the above criteria may also be designated a CAAP facility by the Executive Officer upon a determination that the facility is a significant contributor of pollution to waters of the United States.</p> <p>The General Order expires on 1 January 2015. A proposed NPDES permit renewal has been developed for reissuance of the General Order that includes minimal changes from the current General Order. Changes to effluent limits and monitoring requirements include: 1) removal of pH and settleable solids effluent limits; 2) updated copper and total suspended solids effluent limits; and 3) removal of influent and effluent settleable solids monitoring requirements.</p> <p>Enrollees that are currently covered by General Order R5-2010-0018-01 would automatically be granted continued coverage under the renewed General Order. Central Valley Water Board staff, however, is planning to issue updated Notice of Applicability letters to existing Enrollees.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES permit.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

4/5 December 2014

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting

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