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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of the Petition of
Contra Costa County Public Works
Department for Review of Order
No. 78-69, (NPDES Permit No.
CA0037940), California Regional
Water Quality Control Board, San
Francisco Bay Region. Our File
No. A-207.

Order No. WQ 79-17

BY THE BOARD:

On August 15, 1978, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Board) adopted Order No. 78-69, NPDES Permit No. CA0037940 for Contra Costa County Sanitation District No. 7-A, Shore Acres Sewage Treatment Plant. On September 13, 1978, the State Board received a petition to review Order No. 78-69 from Contra Costa County (petitioner).

BACKGROUND

The petitioner operates the Shore Acres Treatment facility for the Contra Costa County Sanitation District No. 7-A (District). The facility provides primary treatment plus disinfection for about .8 mgd of wastewater. The plant effluent is discharged from the chlorine contact pond to a 1200 foot drainage channel, which is subject to tidal action, and then flows to shallow waters of Suisun Bay. The District has participated in the East/Central Costa County Wastewater Management Project Report with the Cities of Pittsburg and Antioch. The Regional Wastewater Treatment Project is scheduled for completion in early 1981, although recent reports

indicate that completion may extend into mid or late 1981, at which time the District's existing discharge will be eliminated. This petition is concerned solely with limitations that apply to the District's current waste discharge.

CONTENTIONS AND FINDINGS

The petitioner contends that the 0.0 chlorine residual limitation is unreasonable and that the sampling location should be at the end of the drainage channel rather than the point at which the effluent is discharged to the channel. The petitioner argues that the channel provides adequate contact time for dissipation of chlorine residual prior to discharge to Suisun Bay and that construction of a dechlorination facility would be an unreasonable cost to the District in view of the short expected duration of the existing discharge.

The 0.0 mg/l chlorine residual limitation was included in the District's NPDES permit when it was first adopted on October 15, 1974. The limit is provided in the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin and has been consistently prescribed for dischargers in the San Francisco Bay Region. Similarly, the monitoring program has continually described the effluent sampling point for all parameters including chlorine residual to be the point where the effluent is discharged from the chlorine contact pond to the drainage channel.

Petitioner did not petition this Board to review the limitation or the monitoring program when they were first adopted. Contrary to the implication of this petition, Order No. 78-69 does not establish or change the limitation or monitoring point but merely continues their effect. The appropriate time for petitionér

to raise this issue is long past, and this Board cannot allow the reissuance of a permit to revive review rights on any limitation contained therein. Compliance with this limitation is a matter which is now in the hands of the Regional Board. We find these issues inappropriate for review at this time.

CONCLUSION

This petition fails to raise substantial issues that are appropriate for review.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition is denied.

Dated: April 19, 1979

/s/ W. Don Maughan
W. Don Maughan, Chairman

/s/ William J. Miller
William J. Miller, Member

/s/ L. L. Mitchell
L. L. Mitchell, Member

/s/ Carla M. Bard
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