

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2006-0125

APPROVING AND ACCEPTING
THE COUNTY OF TULARE'S
DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL WATER POLLUTION
AND A
TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE
FOR
THE RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
TULARE COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California State Water Resources Control Board requires regional water quality control boards to provide recommendations for Small Community Wastewater Grant Program priorities.
2. The Richgrove Community Services District, in Tulare County, consists of 520 customer connections that rely on a community wastewater treatment and disposal system.
3. At a 17 October 2006 meeting, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2006-0782 declaring a potential pollution problem in the community of Richgrove and proposing a time schedule to mitigate the potential problem.
4. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition*, (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for protecting all waters of the Basin.
5. The wastewater treatment facility is in the Tule Basin Detailed Analysis Unit, for which the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses, including municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and wildlife habitat.
6. The Richgrove Community Services District reports that flows to the wastewater treatment facility periodically exceed its rated capacity.
7. The exceedance of the wastewater treatment facility's capacity to properly treat wastewater, with discharge of effluent to an unlined storage pond followed by irrigation of fodder crops, has the potential to impact groundwater and cause pollution.
8. The County of Tulare proposes to remedy the situation and has proposed a time schedule, but needs funding assistance and requests to be placed on the Small Community Wastewater Grant Program priority list for planning, design, construction of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities.

9. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Regional Water Board), has reviewed the declaration of a potential pollution problem and time schedule for compliance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:

1. Approves and accepts the County of Tulare's declaration of a potential pollution problem and time schedule for mitigation.
2. Recognizing the seriousness of the current situation, urges the State Water Resources Control Board to place the Richgrove Community Services District in Priority Class B for Small Community Grant Program funding in fiscal year 2006/2007.

I, PAMELA CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 7 December 2006.

PAMELA CREEDON, Executive Officer