



CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC, MCDONALD ISLAND WATER WELL SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 18 December 2023, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent to obtain coverage under the Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2018-0085 (the Waiver). The submittal contained all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the NOI was considered complete and the discharge met the conditions of the Waiver. Although the 2018 Waiver has since been superseded by R5-2023-0061, the discharge was covered under the Waiver, Order R5-2018-0085-0091 due to the quick nature and expected completion of the project. This discharge under Order R5-2023-0061 is consistent with discharge allowances under Order R5-2018-0085.

On 6 May 2024, the Discharger notified the Central Valley Water Board that the discharge is expected to continue longer than originally anticipated. Therefore, because Order R5-2018-0085 has now expired, this project is now enrolled under the new Waiver (R5-2023-0061). All correspondence related to the discharge shall include enrollment number R5-2023-0061-0018. Please include this enrollment number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

Project Location and Description

Under Order R5-2018-0085-0091, PG&E (Discharger) pumped development water from a recently constructed water supply well to land located near Zuckerman Road and North Zuckerman Road, in San Joaquin County, California. The recently developed water supply well was pumped for approximately 2 weeks to stabilize groundwater parameters. This action was conducted to facilitate a determination as to whether a treatment system will be necessary. However, groundwater parameters did not stabilize during this pumping event. The Discharger will continue to develop this well and

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discharge the purge water to land owned by PG&E over the next two months. The discharge will remain on-site for percolation and evaporation and will not impact any surface water bodies.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, revised May 2018, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

Facility Specific Requirements

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A of the waiver. PG&E is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

Document Submittals

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name:	McDonald Island Water Well
Program:	Non-15 Compliance
Order:	R5-2023-0061-0018
CIWQS Place ID:	891574

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
110020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Brendan Kenny is your point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Brendan will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Brendan at bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov.

for Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order R5-2023-0061

cc w/o encl: San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, Stockton