

## 9 DECEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM

### **AGENDA ITEM: 10**

#### **SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements for JEN CA Placer Ranch LLC, Placer Ranch Project (WDID#5A31CR00548), Placer County

#### **BOARD ACTION:**

Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A Waste Discharge Requirements Order (Order) is proposed for the JEN CA Placer Ranch LLC (Permittee), Placer Ranch Project (Project) in Placer County. The 1,760-acre Project consists of mass grading to prepare for future development of the area, including 707 acres of commercial and office facilities, 406 acres of residential housing, 113 acres of public facilities and parks, and 265 acres of open space area. The Project is being conducted in accordance with the Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan (PCCP) by implementing General Avoidance and Minimization Measures listed in Appendix C 1 & 2 of the Western Placer County Aquatic Resources Program and Best Management Practices.

The proposed Order provides details of the Project activities, including compensatory mitigation measures planned to compensate for the permanent loss of 38.22 acres of aquatic resources (0.99 acre of stream bed habitat, 3.14 acres of vernal pool habitat, 34.09 acres of wetland habitat), and requiring avoidance and minimization measures to reduce on-site impacts during construction activities. The proposed Order describes technical conditions required to be met throughout the implementation of mass grading for construction activities to ensure activities meet Basin Plan and other regulatory requirements.

#### **ISSUES:**

A tentative Order was issued for public comment on 24 September 2021 with comments due by 25 October 2021. Written comments were received by the deadline from the following interested persons:

1. Cheryl Berkema (resident of Placer County)
2. Larissa Berry (Defend Granite Bay)
3. Jack Sanchez (Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead)
4. Leslie Warren (Chair, Alliance for Environmental Leadership)
5. Michael Garabedian (Placer County Tomorrow)

A Response to Comments document is included in the agenda package that summarizes the written comments followed by responses by Central Valley Water Board staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements

**REVIEWS:**

Management Review:	AWL 11/18/2021
Legal Review:	BTD 11/18/2021

**BOARD MEETING LOCATION:**

*Internet Zoom Meeting*