

**8/9 DECEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 19

SUBJECT:

The following is a proposed permit for consideration of adoption.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal

BACKGROUND:

CITY OF TRACY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The City of Tracy (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the City of Tracy Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 3900 Holly Drive, Tracy, CA 95304. The Facility provides sewerage services for the City of Tracy, serving a population of approximately 98,600. The Facility provides treatment for 10.8 million gallons per day (MGD) of domestic and industrial wastewater with plans to expand the discharge capacity to 16 MGD. The Facility discharges treated wastewater to Old River, a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2017-0113, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 8 December 2017. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The tentative Order includes new or updated effluent limitations for ammonia, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and chronic toxicity. The tentative Order also includes specifications for production of recycled water. The Discharger recycles a portion of its wastewater to irrigate parks, sports fields, road medians, and other approved uses in the City of Tracy's Master Plan. The Discharger's recycled water distribution is regulated by enrollment under separate State Water Board Water Quality Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use.

The tentative Order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 11 October 2022 with comments due by 5:00 pm 11 November 2022. Public comments were received from the Discharger and from a private citizen and former Central Valley Water Board employee, Jo Anne Kipps. The comments mainly center around possible impacts from the facility to groundwater. Central Valley Water Board Staff are in the process of summarizing the written comments and providing responses in a Response to Comments document that will be provided to the Board and interested parties. The Response to Comment document will also note any changes made to the proposed permit to address the comments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the NPDES Permit

REVIEWS:

Management Review:		
Legal Review:	LTO	11/18/2022

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, Coastal Hearing Room (Second Floor)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Physical Meeting Location w/Remote Meeting Option

Internet Zoom Meeting