

**14-15 DECEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 16

SUBJECT:

Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, Reports of Waste Discharge and/or Water Recycling Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge Within the Central Valley Region – Consideration of Resolution R5-2018-0085 Renewal

Following is a proposed Resolution to renew the waiver of waste discharge requirements (WDRs), reports of waste discharge (RWDs) and/or water recycling requirements (WRRs) for specific types of discharges within the Central Valley Region that pose a low threat to water quality (or Low Threat Waiver). All agencies and interested parties concur or provided comments in support of the renewal. Items indicated as updates on the summary agenda make the requirements consistent with current plans and policies of the Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of a resolution to renew the Low Threat Waiver for five years.

BACKGROUND:

California Water Code (CWC) section 13263 requires the Regional Water Boards to prescribe WDRs for discharges of waste that may affect waters of the State. However, some discharges may have little or no effect on water quality or beneficial uses. CWC 13269 allows the Regional Water Boards to waive WDRs for certain discharges that pose a low risk to water quality provide it is in the public interest. CWC section 13269 also requires all waivers to be renewed every five years.

In January 2003 the Central Valley Water Board first adopted the Low Threat Waiver for certain specific types of discharge to land within the Central Valley Region that posed a low threat to water quality. The Low Threat Waiver was last renewed in 2018. The proposed Resolution will continue the Low Threat Waiver for the following list of categories for another five years:

1. Air Conditioner, cooling, and elevated temperature waters
2. Fresh Water Well Drilling Muds/Boring Wastes
3. Minor Dredging Operations
4. Inert Solid Waste Disposal
5. Test Pumping of Fresh Water Wells
6. Swimming Pool Discharges
7. Construction – Dewatering Operations
8. Hydrostatic Testing
9. Agricultural Commodity Wastes
10. Disposal of Residual Waste Utilized as a Soil Amendments

11. Recycled Water for Construction Projects and Road Dust Control
12. Small, Short-term Sand and Gravel Operations
13. System Flushing and Filter Backwash for Water Treatment Systems
14. Short-Term or Intermittent Vehicle and Equipment Washing

A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to interested parties and posted to local newspapers on 15 September 2023 for a 30-day public comment period. Several comments in support of renewing the Low Threat Waiver were received. No other comments were received.

ISSUES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Resolution.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	ASM
Legal Review:	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

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