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(6/7/16) Public Hearing
General Order for Recycled Water Use
Deadline: 5/13/16 by 12:00 noon

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor
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May 5, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: Comment Letter – General Order for Recycled Water Use

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Revised Draft General Order for Recycled Water Use (Draft General Order) and appreciates this opportunity to seek clarification of certain provisions of the Draft General Order.

It is the Department's understanding, based on the language of Finding 32 and Specification B 1. (h) of the Draft General Order, that a municipal wastewater facility will still be required to comply with Water Code section 1211 after the Draft General Order is adopted. As the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) is aware, Water Code section 1211 requires that the owner of a wastewater treatment plant file a petition with the Board and obtain its approval before decreasing a discharge to a watercourse.

The Department supports the Draft General Order and its stated intention to further encourage recycled water projects by streamlining permitting of recycled water uses that are a relatively low threat to water quality. The Department shares this goal and looks forward to working with municipal wastewater facility owners and the Board to achieve that goal.

Thank you again for this opportunity to clarify certain provisions of the Draft General Order.

Sincerely,

Joshua Grover
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