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| In re: | NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION |
| STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD | |
| REGULATORY ACTION: | Government Code Section 11349.3 |
| Title 23, California Code of Regulations | OAL File No. 04-0123-03 S |
| Adopt sections 3939.6 | |

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Resolution No. 2003-011, adopted on August 7, 2003, with minor modifications by the executive officer via memo dated October 3, 2003, establishes a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nitrogen compounds in the Santa Clara River.

Numeric targets will primarily be achieved by limiting the amount of nitrogen compounds discharged from four major permitted wastewater treatment plants (Saugus Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), Valencia WRP, Fillmore Publicly Owned Treatment Work (POTW), and Santa Paula POTW). These major point sources are assigned wasteload allocations for ammonia, nitrite, nitrate, and combined nitrite and nitrate. At the Regional Board's discretion, the Saugus and Valencia WRPs may be allowed higher interim loads for nitrate, nitrite, and combined nitrate and nitrite for a period as short as possible, but not to exceed eight years from the effective date of the TMDL. The Fillmore and Santa Paula POTWs may be allowed higher interim loads for combined ammonia, nitrate and nitrate for a period also not to exceed eight years after the effective date of the TMDL. Receiving water monitoring is required weekly of these major point sources.

Minor point sources (including stormwater sources) in Reaches 3 and 7 are assigned concentration-based wasteload allocations for ammonia and combined nitrite and nitrate. Wasteload allocations for minor point sources will be implemented through effluent limits or Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater. Load allocations for nonpoint sources for combined ammonia, nitrite, and nitrate are implemented through State Water Resources Control Board BMPs.

The County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (CSDLAC) must submit the results from a water effects ratio study for ammonia when the TMDL takes effect. Within one year after the effective date of the TMDL, the following workplans must be submitted to the Regional Board for approval: (1) a workplan for estimating nitrogen loading from stormwater sources which includes triggers for conducting source identification and implementing BMPs must be submitted by affected major National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permittees; (2) a workplan for monitoring nitrogen-related effects and evaluate progress in meeting targets must be submitted by affected major National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permittees; and (3) a special studies workplan to evaluate site-specific objectives for nitrate must be submitted by CSDLAC. If monitoring and study results indicate it is appropriate, the Regional Board will consider adopting site-specific objectives for ammonia within one year after the effective date of the TMDL, and site-specific objectives for nitrate, and combined nitrite and nitrate within four years after the effective date of the TMDL. If site-specific objectives are adopted, the TMDL will be revised through a Basin Plan Amendment. Five years after the effective date of the TMDL, the Regional Board will consider whether the numeric targets and wasteload allocations specified in the TMDL are sufficient to protect the Santa Clara River from nutrient effects of discharged nitrogen compounds or whether the TMDL must be revised

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code

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