

ITEM: 17

SUBJECT: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Sierra Conservation Center Water Treatment Plant

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal and Time Schedule Order*

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) owns and operates the Sierra Conservation Center Water Treatment Plant located near the town of Jamestown in Tuolumne County. The Water Treatment Plant treats water from Tulloch Reservoir and provides drinking water for the inmate population and personnel that work at the Sierra Conservation Center.

The Facility discharges multi-media filter backwash water to Shotgun Creek, a water of the United States, and a tributary to Tulloch Reservoir and the Stanislaus River. The effluent treatment system consists of two clay lined settling ponds. In addition to the surface water discharge, the Facility disposes backwash water for landscape irrigation during dry summer months. During the dry season, all the backwash water is discharged into the two settling ponds, and then pumped to a containment pond from which the water is used for irrigation.

NPDES permit renewal.

The proposed permit renewal does not allow for an increase in the mass of pollutants to be discharged and includes new effluent limitations for aluminum, dibromochloromethane, iron and manganese.

Time Schedule Order

The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for iron and manganese. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed to provide interim limitations and a time schedule for compliance.

ISSUES: No comments on this item were received and it is uncontested.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

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