

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Workplan to Evaluate the Municipal and Domestic Supply (MUN) Beneficial Use in the City of Willows' Receiving Waters

BOARD ACTION: *Information Item*

BACKGROUND: The City of Willows owns a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) in Willows, Glenn County. Wastewater is discharged from the plant to Agricultural Drain C, a tributary to Logan Creek or to Lateral 26-2; both of which are tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. On 13 October 2011, the Central Valley Water Board renewed the City of Willows NPDES permit which included protection of MUN beneficial uses in the receiving waters based on State Water Boards' Resolution No. 88-63 (a.k.a. The Drinking Water Policy). The Board also issued a Time Schedule Order which allows the Discharger time to evaluate alternatives, secure funding, and complete construction to achieve compliance with the new effluent limits or pursue a Basin Plan Amendment that will address the MUN use in the receiving waters. The Discharger must make a formal determination on whether to pursue the Basin Plan Amendment option by October 2015.

Due to the anticipated complexity of developing information needed for a Basin Plan Amendment, the Central Valley Water Board directed staff to lead the effort in close coordination with the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS). The Board requested that staff provide a draft workplan for review at the December 2011 Central Valley Water Board meeting.

The work on MUN use designations by Board staff and CV-SALTS will include other agriculturally dominated water bodies, however this presentation will focus on the work planned for the receiving waters of the City of Willows' surface water discharge. The linkage between the City of Willows effort and the overall effort to address MUN uses in agriculturally dominated water bodies will be discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A - Information item only.

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