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LAND DISPOSAL MAXIMIZATION AND POTENTIAL DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER, BEAR VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, BEAR VALLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, ALPINE COUNTY

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) to discharge to Bloods Creek, dated 23 June 2009, and the 2009 Land Disposal Maximization Report (LDMR), dated 4 November 2009, submitted by the Bear Valley Water District (Discharger) in accordance with Provisions D.3.a and D.3.b, respectively, of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2005-0139 (NPDES No. CA0085146).

The Central Valley Water Board understands that the Discharger has implemented the land disposal maximization measures indicated in the NOI and that the water balance provided in the 2009 LDRM indicates the potential need to discharge wastewater effluent to surface water during 2010. The Central Valley Water Board understands that, although additional land disposal area was available, approximately 80 acres were used for land disposal beginning 11 June 2009 and were sufficient to dispose of accumulated wastewater effluent stored in the storage reservoir by 2 October 2009. The Central Valley Water Board concurs that the Discharger has maximized land application of the effluent and has complied with the requirements of WDRs Discharge Prohibition A.3; therefore, the discharge of effluent to surface water is not prohibited provided all other requirements of the WDRs are satisfied.

For future water balances submitted to the Central Valley Water Board, please account for monthly projected necessary discharges of effluent to surface waters in order to complete the water balance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Oscar Biondi at (916) 464-4663 or at obiondi@waterboards.ca.gov, or myself at (916) 464-4623 or at vvasquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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