

To Whom It May Concern;

The State Water Resources Control Board's Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications, Water Quality Order 2013-0002-DWQ, permit became effective on December 1, 2013. The permit regulates application of aquatic herbicides and algaecides to control aquatic vegetation. The permit requires that potentially affected public agencies are notified each year prior to the first application of aquatic herbicides.

South San Joaquin Irrigation District ("District") intends to apply algaecides and/or aquatic herbicides within the District's jurisdiction during the 2015 calendar year. The District completed a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and was granted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) Section 5.3 exception by the SWRCB for the short term discharge of all aquatic pesticides registered in California, including copper and/or acrolein, to surface water in excess of the California Toxics Rule (CTR) priority pollutant criteria. The potential algaecides and aquatic herbicides to be used are presented below. Additionally, various aquatic-labeled adjuvants may be used.

- 2,4-D
- Acrolein
- Copper
- Diquat Dibromide
- Endothall
- Fluridone
- Glyphosate
- Imazamox
- Imazapyr
- Penoxsulam
- Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate
- Triclopyr
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These algaecides and aquatic herbicides are used to reduce the presence of weeds that adversely impact water flow, reduce recharge potential, lessen stormwater capacity, and increase maintenance costs. The location of application is variable depending on need, however all applications will occur within District maintained water bodies. There are no expected water use restrictions or precautions to be taken during treatment; however the District will provide sufficient alerts to any

project specific restrictions that may arise. The District has a record of responsible use of aquatic herbicides and is committed to continual safe use and regulatory compliance.

If you have any questions or would like to obtain additional information please contact (209) 481-2342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walt Luihn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walt Luihn

Environmental Compliance & Safety Officer

South San Joaquin Irrigation District

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