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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW A UPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the Director of the Division of Water Quality's intention to renew a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit under the authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Utah Code § 19-5-106(2)(g). The draft Permit and the Fact Sheet (collectively, the draft Permit documents) are available for review and comment.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: City of Orem
FACILITY NAME: City of Orem Water Reclamation Facility
MAILING ADDRESS: 1797 West 1000 South, Orem, Utah 84059
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (801) 229-7481
FACILITY LOCATION: 1797 West 1000 South
UPDES PERMIT NO.: UT0020915, UTL020915
PERMITTED OUTFALLS: 001
OUTFALL LOCATION: Latitude 40° 16' 39" and longitude 111° 44' 19"
RECEIVING WATER: Powell Slough

BACKGROUND

The City of Orem Water Reclamation Facility (Facility) serves the City of Orem, the City of Lindon, and a portion of the Town of Vineyard. The average design flow is 13.5 MGD, with a design population equivalent of 135,000. The Facility consists of three mechanical bar screens and two aerated grit chambers. Flow then passes into four primary clarifiers before flowing into a system of biological nutrient removal (BNR) basins. After treatment in these basins the flow goes to secondary clarifiers for separation which consists of return activated sludge (RAS), waste activated sludge (WAS), and treated effluent for final disinfection at an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system. The final effluent is discharged to Powell Slough with final receiving water being Utah Lake. Solids are handled by the following: three anaerobic digesters including one thermophilic digester and two mesophilic digesters. The anaerobic digesters consistently produce class B biosolids. Please refer to the draft Permit documents for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R317-8-6(6.6), any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit documents and may request a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and shall be answered as provided in Utah Admin. Code R317-8-6(6.12).

Commenters have an affirmative obligation to raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting

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material. Supporting material must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless the material is already part of the administrative record.

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **March 20th, 2026**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Lindsay Cowles, UPDES Individual Permits Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, PO Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lcowles@utah.gov.

After considering public comments, the Director of the Division of Water Quality will issue a final Permit decision. The draft Permit documents are available for public review under “Public Participation” at www.waterquality.utah.gov/. Additionally, if internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Lindsay Cowles at (385) 414-0311.

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