

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9
Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 0482
Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Buena Vue Casino Wastewater Treatment
Plant, Ione, California EPA NPDES Permit # CA0049675**

This Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 401 Water Quality Certification # 0482 (Certification) applies to the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Buena Vue Casino Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is located on the Tribe's Rancheria land which is a 67-acre parcel in Amador County approximately four miles south of Ione, 32 miles east of Sacramento, California. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is issuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act for the facility. The facility is authorized to discharge wastewater in accordance with the effluent limits, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in NPDES Permit # CA0049675.

Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA requires applicants for Federal permits and licenses that may result in discharges into waters of the United States, to obtain certification that any such discharges will comply with applicable provisions of the CWA, including Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307. Where no state agency or tribe has authority to give such certification, EPA is the certifying authority. In this case, the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, a federally recognized tribe, does not have the authority to provide CWA Section 401 certification, therefore, the EPA is issuing this Certification. Questions pertaining to this certification should be directed to EPA Region 9 at: R9-401-Certs@epa.gov.

Certification Granted Without Condition

EPA hereby certifies that discharge(s), as authorized by the NPDES permit # CA0049675 for the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Buena Vue Casino Wastewater Treatment Plant will comply with the water quality requirements, as defined at 40 CFR 121.1(n).

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