

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2012-0052
AMENDING
MASTER RECLAMATION PERMIT
and
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM
ORDER R5-2005-0040
FOR
CITY OF LINCOLN
PLACER COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Central Valley Water Board), finds that:

1. The City of Lincoln (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the City of Lincoln. The treatment system produces high quality tertiary treated effluent that complies with reclamation criteria.
2. The discharge of treated wastewater to Auburn Ravine Creek is regulated under separate Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2008-0156 (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES] No. CA0084476). The amendments through this Order to the Master Reclamation Permit Order R5-2005-0040 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2005-0040 will not affect Order R5-2008-0156.
3. On 17 March 2005, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Order R5-2005-0040 (NPDES No. CA0085103) Master Reclamation Permit, which authorizes the reclamation of treated wastewater to irrigate rice fields and fodder crops, and allows for other uses of the reclaimed water. Order R5-2005-0040 allows discharge to surface water resulting from irrigation of rice fields. No other reclaimed water use will result in discharge to surface waters.
4. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD), dated October 2009, to update the Master Reclamation Permit. In the RWD, the Discharger states that the reclaimed wastewater is applied only for: 1) spray irrigation of approximately two acres at the Discharger's wastewater treatment facility, and 2) flood irrigation of

211 acres of fodder crops. The Discharger also proposes other uses for the reclaimed wastewater, including irrigation of rice, which will result in the discharge of reclaimed wastewater to surface water. Tail water discharge resulting from the irrigation of rice is already regulated under the California Water Code through the Central Valley Water Board's Irrigated Lands Program, and regulating it in the Master Reclamation Permit through an NPDES permit is redundant and unnecessary.

6. This Order amends Master Reclamation Permit Order R5-2005-0040 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2005-0040 to remove NPDES requirements. All other portions of Order R5-2005-0040 and Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2005-0040 remain unchanged.
7. On 8 June 2012, in Rancho Cordova, California, after due notice to the Discharger and all other affected persons, the Central Valley Water Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received to consider this Order under the California Water Code.
8. The Issuance of this Order is an action under the NPDES rescission action and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Master Reclamation Permit Order R5-2005-0040 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2005-0040 are amended solely to rescind NPDES Permit No. CA0085103 and corresponding monitoring and reporting requirements as shown in underline/strikeout format in Attachment 1 of this Order.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with CWC section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday (including mandatory furlough days), the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request

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I, Pamela C. Creedon, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 8 June 2012.

Original Signed By

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer