

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ORDER R5-2024-0039

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A) COUNTY OF FRESNO, ELKHORN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, FRESNO COUNTY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 97-207

The Elkhorn Correctional Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order 97-207, adopted on 19 September 1997, which prescribes requirements for the discharge of wastewater onto a 64-acre Land Application Area (LAA) to irrigate alfalfa and cotton. The Facility is owned and operated by the County of Fresno (Discharger), though it has not been in use since 2011.

Historically, the Facility processed up to 17,050 gallons per day with a treatment system including headworks, two aerated ponds, one stabilization pond, one storage pond, and the LAA. On 14 October 2022, the Discharger provided the Central Valley Water Board a Closure Workplan describing proposed actions to demolish Facility infrastructure, which the Central Valley Water Board approved on 11 December 2023. A Final Facility Closure Report was received by the Central Valley Water Board on 31 March 2024. Facility closure activities included removal and offsite disposal or onsite reuse of soil cement from the aeration ponds, concrete structures, valves, piping, conduits, auxiliary equipment, vegetation, and fencing. One industrial well and one irrigation well were destroyed and abandoned, and the remaining onsite wells will be used for monitoring and domestic purposes for a future recharge basin construction project. Wastewater is no longer being generated or discharged at this site, and the closure activities described in the approved October 2022 Closure Workplan have been completed. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 97-207.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Orders are rescinded on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, 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 21 June 2024.



PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer