

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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ORDER NO. R4-2026-XXXX

**TENTATIVE ORDER FOR TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 95-103 AND MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM
NO. CI-5802
FOR THE FORMER ACTON REHABILITATION FACILITY
File No. 72-004 and CI-5802**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) finds:

1. On July 18, 1995, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted individual Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 95-103 and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. CI-5802 for the discharge of treated domestic wastewater from the wastewater treatment plant serving the Acton Rehabilitation Facility located at 30500 Arrastre Canyon Road, Acton, California 93510 (Site). At that time, the Site was owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.
2. The Site operated as a rehabilitation center until August 2020, when the facility was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. In June 2022, the wastewater treatment plant regulated under Order No. 95-103 was damaged by a lightning strike and subsequent fire and was rendered inoperable.
4. On November 18, 2024, the current Site owner, Happy Trails for Kids, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge for the Site proposing to renovate and reopen the Site as a children's camp serving foster children. The proposal included replacement of the damaged wastewater treatment plant with a conventional septic system. Los Angeles Water Board staff determined that the proposed conventional septic system was not acceptable due to elevated nitrate concentrations in groundwater in the Acton area.
5. On May 1, 2026, Happy Trails for Kids submitted a revised Report of Waste Discharge proposing an advanced onsite wastewater treatment system (AOWTS) consisting of a membrane bioreactor, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, and a reverse osmosis system for final effluent polishing.
6. On August 19, 2026, the Los Angeles Water Board enrolled the Site under General Order No. R4-2019-0024 and MRP No. CI-10901 for the discharge of tertiary disinfected treated domestic wastewater from the proposed AOWTS.
7. The discharge from the damaged OWTS previously regulated under Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 has ceased, and the treatment plant has been rendered inoperable. Any future discharge of treated domestic wastewater from the Site will be regulated under General Order No. R4-2019-0024 and MRP No. CI-10901. Therefore,

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Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 are no longer necessary and should be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement.

8. The termination of Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the “common sense exemption” pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). The discharge regulated under Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 has ceased, and the wastewater treatment plant regulated under those requirements has been rendered inoperable. Therefore, termination of Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The Los Angeles Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider termination of Order No. 95-103 and MRP No. CI-5802 and has provided them with an opportunity to submit written comments. In a public meeting, the Los Angeles Water Board heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 95-103 and MRP CI-5802 are terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

I, Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on December 17, 2026.

Susana Arredondo
Executive Officer

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