

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045-A02

**AMENDING CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS
WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES REGION**

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

1. The Los Angeles Water Board adopted a Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Agricultural Lands within the Los Angeles Region (Conditional Waiver), Order No. R4-2021-0045, on April 8, 2021 and amended the Conditional Waiver on April 14, 2022 (Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01). Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01 expires on December 31, 2022.
2. The Conditional Waiver contains conditions to ensure that discharges from irrigated agricultural lands do not degrade water quality or impair beneficial uses of waters of the state within the Los Angeles Region. The Conditional Waiver requires dischargers to enroll irrigated agricultural property under the waiver to continue discharging waste to waters of the state.
3. On February 7, 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Order WQ 2018-0002 (East San Joaquin Order), which modified the Central Valley Water Board's Order No. R5-2012-0116 for irrigated agricultural discharges in the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed. Several elements of the East San Joaquin Order were identified by the State Water Board as being precedential for all irrigated lands regulatory programs throughout the state and these elements must be incorporated into orders for discharges from irrigated agricultural lands within five years of the adoption of the East San Joaquin Order.
4. Los Angeles Water Board staff is currently developing tentative general waste discharge requirements instead of a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements. To allow for sufficient time to incorporate the East San Joaquin Order precedential requirements, engage in consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area covered by the Conditional Waiver, if requested, and hold meetings with environmental organizations, discharger groups, and other stakeholders to discuss potential changes before bringing tentative general waste discharge requirements to the Los Angeles Water Board, the Los Angeles Water Board staff recommended an amendment to Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01 by extending the expiration date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023.
5. Los Angeles Water Board staff intends to release draft tentative general waste discharge requirements for public comment in early 2023 to be followed by a workshop at a Los Angeles Water Board meeting in Spring of 2023. Los Angeles Water Board staff intends to release revised tentative general waste discharge requirements, based on stakeholder comment and Board direction, in Summer of 2023 to be followed by a Los Angeles Water Board hearing to consider adoption of the revised tentative general waste discharge

requirements.

6. This amendment revises Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01 based on the Los Angeles Water Board staff's recommendation.
7. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified interested persons of its intent to amend Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01. The Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertinent to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01, adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on April 14, 2022, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Order Header
 - Change "ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045-A01" to "ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045-A02" and make conforming changes to associated attachments.
2. Order Finding 1, page 1
 - Change "This amendment to Order No. R4-2021-0045 extends the Order to December 31, 2022." to "An amendment to Order R4-2021-0145, adopted by the Board on April 14, 2022, extended the Order until December 31, 2022. This amendment to Order No. R4-2021-0045-A01 extends the Order to December 31, 2023."
 - Change "...before bringing a new tentative Order to the Board by December 31, 2022" to "...before bringing new tentative general waste discharge requirements to the Board by December 31, 2023".
3. Order Finding 12, page 4
 - Change "...On April 8, 2021, the Regional Water board renewed the Conditional Waiver for a limited one year term as described in Finding 1, above." to "...On April 8, 2021, the Regional Water Board renewed the Conditional Waiver for a limited one year term as described in Finding 1, above. On April 14, 2022 and December 8, 2022, the Regional Water Board extended the Conditional Waiver for limited terms as described in Finding 1, above."
4. Order Finding 67, page 16
 - Change "...and has an expiration date of December 31, 2022,..." to "...and has an expiration date of December 31, 2023,..."
5. Order Finding 68, page 16
 - Change "... in a public meeting on April 14, 2022, ..." to "... in a public meeting on December 8, 2022, ..."
6. Order Section D.10, page 23
 - Change "The Discharger Group in Ventura County shall begin conducting the study as soon as possible after Executive Officer approval of the plan and submit the results of the study annually, beginning December 15, 2018." to "The Discharger Group in Ventura County shall begin conducting the study as soon as possible after Executive Officer approval of the plan and submit the results of the study, beginning December 15, 2018."
7. Order Section F.6, page 26
 - Change "This Order and Conditional Waiver shall become effective on April 8, 2021 and expire on December 31, 2022,..." to "This Order and Conditional Waiver shall become effective on April 8, 2021 and expire on December 31, 2023,..."

8. Order Certification, page 27
 - Change "...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 April 8, 2021" to "...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 April 8, 2021, amended on April 14, 2022 and December 8, 2022."
9. Appendix 3, page 7
 - Change "all members with sites draining to the Discharger Group monitoring site and all members with sites in the encompassing and adjacent HUC-12 watersheds as defined in Section 2.a.i shall submit individual MRPs within three months or..." to "all members with sites draining to the Discharger Group monitoring site and all members with sites in the encompassing and adjacent HUC-12 watersheds as defined in Section 2.a.i shall submit individual MRPs within twelve months or..."
 - Change "the Discharger Group may submit a revised group MRP within three months to include individual discharge monitoring for the affected member sites" to "the Discharger Group may submit a revised group MRP within twelve months to include individual discharge monitoring for the affected member sites"
10. Appendix 3. Page 16
 - Change "**Due: six months from the adoption of Order No. R4-2016-0143, and updated, if chosen, within three months of the submittal of the annual monitoring report**" to "**Due: six months from the adoption of Order No. R4-2016-0143, and updated, if chosen, within twelve months of the submittal of the annual monitoring report**"
11. Appendix 3, page 17
 - Change "Groundwater Management Practice Evaluation Report Due: Annually, beginning December 15, 2020" to "Groundwater Management Practice Evaluation Report Due: December 15, 2020, December 15, 2021, and December 15, 2022"

I, Renee Purdy, 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 8, 2022.

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer