

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
June 8, 2011

- ITEM: 5
- SUBJECT: Modification of Waste Discharge Requirements: California Department of Transportation, District 11, Buckman Springs Safety Road Side Rest Area, San Diego County, amendments to Order No. R9-2009-0105 modifying requirements for submittal of a water quality investigation report (Tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043) (*Fisayo Osibodu*).
- PURPOSE: To adopt tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043 which will modify Order No. R9-2009-0105, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the California Department of Transportation, District 11, Buckman Springs Safety Road Side Rest Area (Rest Area)*.
- PUBLIC NOTICE: Notification of this action was sent to known interested parties by mail on May 9, 2011 (Supporting Document No. 1). Tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043 (tentative Order) (Supporting Document No. 2) was also posted on the San Diego Water Board website on the same day. These actions satisfy the public notification requirements of California Water Code, Division 7, section 13167.5 for a 30 day notice.
- DISCUSSION: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) operates the Rest Area located on Buckman Springs Road off Highway 8, 3.3 miles east of Pine Valley, San Diego County (Supporting Document No. 3). The discharge from the Rest Area's septic tank/leach field system is currently regulated under Order No. R9-2009-0105. The Rest Area's septic tank/leach field system receives domestic wastewater from the facility restrooms, and recreational vehicle (RV) holding tank waste from an onsite RV dumpstation.
- Order No. R9-2009-0105 required Caltrans to submit results of a water quality investigation (based on effluent and groundwater monitoring data) by April 30, 2011 to fully assess the potential impacts to groundwater from the discharge to the Rest Area's septic tank/leach field system.

The Rest Area, however, has been closed for remodeling since April 5, 2010. As a result, the restrooms and the RV dumpstation have not been in use since the Rest Area was closed. The tentative Order would, if adopted, postpone the date for submittal of the water quality investigation to allow Caltrans to collect sufficient effluent and groundwater monitoring data during a period when discharge from the septic tank/leach field system is occurring. This will allow Caltrans to adequately assess any potential impacts to groundwater from the discharge.

For reference, a complete copy of Order No. R9-2009-0105 as amended by the tentative Order showing all proposed changes in underline/strikeout format is included as Supporting Document No. 4. To date no comments have been received on the tentative Order.

KEY ISSUES:

Postponing the date for submittal of the water quality investigation will allow Caltrans to conduct monitoring during a period when the discharge from the septic tank/leach field system is occurring. This change is appropriate to ensure that monitoring data collected is representative of the waste to be discharged.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Notification Letter
2. Tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043
3. Location Map
4. Order No. R9-2009-0105 as amended by Order No. R9-2011-0043 showing all proposed changes in underline/strikeout text.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

The tentative Order would require Caltrans to begin conducting effluent and groundwater monitoring within 45 days of reopening the Rest Area, and postpone the date for submittal of the water quality investigation from April 30, 2010 to December 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043 is recommended.

Supporting Document No.1 Notification Letter

Supporting Document No. 2
Tentative Order No. R9-2011-0043

Supporting Document No. 3 Location Map

Supporting Document No.4
Order No. R9-2009-0105 as Amended by
Order No. R9-2011-0043