

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
November 18, 2015

- ITEMS: 7
- SUBJECT: Rescission of WDRs: An Order Rescinding Orders Nos. [88-65](#), [94-06](#), [94-34](#), and [94-63](#), [Individual Waste Discharge Requirements for Hanson Aggregates Sand and Gravel Operations in Escondido, Lakeside, and San Diego \(Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0105\)](#). (Roger Mitchell)
- PURPOSE: To consider adopting Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0105 (Supporting Document 1).
- RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0105.
- KEY ISSUES:
1. Discharges of storm water and sediment-laden wastewater from Hanson Aggregates' (Hanson) four sand and gravel operations have the potential to adversely impact the quality and beneficial uses of waters of the State.
  2. Hanson's individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs) are outdated, and can be rescinded because the four operations are enrolled in the Industrial Storm Water Permit<sup>1</sup> and will be enrolled in the Slurries Waiver<sup>2</sup> upon rescission of the individual WDR Orders. The requirements in the Industrial Storm Water Permit and conditions in the Slurries Waiver together impose the controls needed to protect waters of the State from storm water and wastewater discharges at the four operations.
- PRACTICAL VISION: Controlling discharges through WDRs and waivers is a key part of the strategy to achieve healthy waters in the San Diego Region. Imposing those controls through the Industrial Storm Water Permit and Slurries Waiver in place of the four outdated individual WDR Orders is a prudent use of the

---

<sup>1</sup> Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ, *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities*.  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2014/wqo2014\\_0057\\_dwq\\_rev\\_mar2015.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2014/wqo2014_0057_dwq_rev_mar2015.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Order No. R9-2014-041, *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region – Waiver No. 9, Discharges of Slurries to Land*.  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/waivers/docs/w/WaiverNo9.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/waivers/docs/w/WaiverNo9.pdf)

Board's authority that protects water quality while saving limited resources.

DISCUSSION:

Hanson is the owner and operator of four sand and gravel operations located in Escondido, Lakeside, and San Diego. Hanson is responsible for controlling the discharges of storm water and sediment-laden wastewaters produced from sand and gravel washing, and concrete batching activities at each operation. Wastewaters are discharged to settling ponds, and temporarily stored prior to reuse in the washing of aggregates, batching of concrete, washing of trucks, and suppressing of dust.

These wastewaters have the potential to cause deleterious sedimentation, turbidity, and discoloration if discharged to waters of the State. The San Diego Water Board has regulated storm water and wastewater discharges at these operations for over 20 years through the four individual WDR Orders proposed for rescission.<sup>3</sup>

The four individual WDR Orders are outdated, and can be rescinded because the four operations are enrolled in the Industrial Storm Water Permit and will be enrolled in the Slurries Waiver upon rescission of the individual WDR Orders. The requirements in the Industrial Storm Water Permit and conditions in the Slurries Waiver together impose the controls needed to protect waters of the State from storm water and wastewater discharges at the four operations.

Furthermore, rescission of the individual WDR Orders saves San Diego Water Board resources that would otherwise be used to review and reissue the four orders. The rescission action also reduces Hanson's economic burden by eliminating the obligation to submit an annual fee to the State Water Resources Control Board for the individual WDRs at each operation.

In letters dated January 30, 2015 (Supporting Document 2), Hanson requested rescission of the individual WDR Orders and proposed the operations be enrolled in the Slurries Waiver. On April 3, 2015, San Diego Water Board staff inspected (Supporting Document 3) and verified that each

---

<sup>3</sup> Orders Nos. 88 65, Waste Discharge Requirements for Nelson & Sloan Channel Road Plant near Lakeside; 94 06, Waste Discharge Requirements for Asphalt, Inc. Slaughterhouse Canyon Plant, San Diego County; 94 34, Waste Discharge Requirements for H.G. Fenton Pre-Mix Concrete Company Escondido Plant, San Diego County; and 94 63, Waste Discharge Requirements for Sim J. Harris Company Miramar Plant, San Diego County.

operation satisfies all of the enrollment eligibility criteria specified in the Slurries Waiver, including ongoing enrollment in the Industrial Storm Water Permit.

**LEGAL CONCERNS:** None.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2015-0105.
2. January 30, 2015 letters, requesting rescission of individual WDRs and subsequent enrollment in the Slurries Waiver.
3. April 3, 2015 Facility Inspection Letters.
4. Facilities Location Map.
5. Notification Letters for Public Hearing and Comment Period.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:** Rescission of individual Orders (listed above), which are replaced by enrollment of the four sand and gravel operations in the statewide Industrial Storm Water Permit and Slurries Waiver.

**COMPLIANCE subject RECORD:** There are no outstanding compliance issues at any of the operations.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Notification of this action was sent to known interested parties by email on September 4, 2015 (Supporting Document 5). The Tentative Order was also posted on the San Diego Water Board website on September 4, 2015. These actions satisfy the public notification requirements of Water Code, division 7, section 13167.5 for a 30-day notice.