

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2022-0049

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. R9-2009-0009,
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
RAINBOW CONSERVATION CAMP, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2009-0009, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Rainbow Conservation Camp, San Diego County* (Order No. R9-2009-0009), on April 8, 2009. Order No. R9-2009-0009, established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS consists of a bar screen, flow equalization tank, an anoxic basin, an aerobic basin, a clarifier, and a sludge storage tank. The Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS collects wastewater from the mess hall, kitchen, forestry and correction offices, the shop building restroom, inmate barracks with toilets and showers, the laundry facility, and the recreation building. The Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS is located at 8215 Rainbow Heights Road, Fallbrook, San Diego County.
2. Order No. R9-2009-0009 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current state policy and requirements. Discharges from small package treatment plants and OWTS such as these have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, and flow ranges, and require the same or similar treatment standards. The State Water Resources Control Board issued Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order), to regulate these types of discharges consistently throughout the state. Enrollment of the Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2009-0009.
3. The discharge from the Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information submitted in monitoring reports and obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on November 1, 2021. As such, the discharge from the Rainbow Conservation Camp OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements.

4. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for enrollment in the General Order prior to the board meeting on May 11, 2022. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.
5. Adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0049 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. R9-2009-0009 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. R9-2009-0009 are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0049 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects). The State Water Resources Control Board considered the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the General Order, and prepared an Initial Study in accordance with title 14, section 15063. Analysis in the Initial Study and early consultation with responsible and trustee agencies did not identify any significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration was prepared. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Negative Declaration on September 23, 2014, through Resolution No. 2014-0054, California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems. The General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2009-0009.
6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2022-0049 in a public meeting on May 11, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2009-0009 is rescinded.

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on May 11, 2022.

TENTATIVE

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer