

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

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2023-0020

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. R9-2015-0012, WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITED STATES NAVY, REMOTE TRAINING SITE WARNER
SPRINGS ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM,
SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

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

1. Order No. R9-2015-0012, *Waste Discharge Requirements for United States Navy, Remote Training Site Warner Springs Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Diego County* (Order No. R9-2015-0012), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS consists of an influent pump station, two septic tanks, two Advantex AX-Max textile filter units, a 40,000-gallon effluent storage tank, and an effluent pump station that discharges to a spray field. The Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS collects wastewater from the administrative building, barracks, and laundry and shower facility. The Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS is located at 34567 State Highway 79, Warner Springs, California. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2015-0012 on February 11, 2015.
2. Order No. R9-2015-0012 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current state policy and requirements. Discharges from small OWTS such as these have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, and flow ranges; and they 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 Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2015-0012.
3. The discharge from the Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information submitted in a report of waste discharge dated February 26, 2013, and an inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on October 27, 2021. As such, the discharge from the Remote Training Site Warner Springs 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 United States Navy, for enrollment of the Remote Training Site Warner Springs OWTS in the General Order prior to the board meeting on May 10, 2023. 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. R9-2023-0020 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. R9-2015-0012 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. R9-2015-0012 are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0020 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. R9-2015-0012.

6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0020 in a public meeting on May 10, 2023.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2015-0012 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 10, 2023.

TENTATIVE

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer