

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

**ITEM NO. 4**

**SUBJECT**

Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144, *Amending Order No. R9-2022-0006, NPDES No. CA0107611, Waste Discharge Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall* (Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144). (Brandon Bushnell)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144 (**Supporting Document 1**).

**KEY ISSUES**

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144 modifies Order No. R9-2022-0006, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall* (Order No. R9-2022-0006) to document the change in ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant (**Supporting Document 2**) by replacing all applicable references to the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) with Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD).
2. SOCWA and the MNWD informed the San Diego Water Board via letter dated October 3, 2024, that MNWD will assume ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant. SOCWA followed up via email on November 25, 2024, confirming MNWD will assume ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant on December 12, 2024.

**PRACTICAL VISION**

Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144 is consistent with the goals of the *Strategize to Achieve Resilient Local Water Supply* chapter of the *San Diego Water Board Practical Vision* (Practical Vision)<sup>1</sup> call for the protection, restoration, and regulation of water quality in a manner that contributes to sustainable local water supply and is consistent with the protection of other beneficial uses for current and future generations. Minor modifications to permits such as those proposed by Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0114 allow staff to make updates to administrative details in permits and

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<sup>1</sup> Practical Vision:

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prevent excessive diversion of staff resources from higher priority recycled water projects.

## **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of this item is to provide the San Diego Water Board with information to assist in its consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144. Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144, if adopted, will modify Order No. R9-2022-0006 to document the change in ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant by replacing all applicable references to SOCWA with MNWD. An amended version of Order No. R9-2022-0006 showing changes in redline/strikeout format is included as **Supporting Document 3**.

The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2022-0006 on March 9, 2022, establishing waste discharge requirements for the discharge of secondary treated wastewater to the Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall. SOCWA and the MNWD informed the San Diego Water Board via letter dated October 3, 2024, that MNWD will assume ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant. SOCWA followed up via email on November 25, 2024, confirming MNWD will assume ownership of the Regional Treatment Plant on December 12, 2024.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Board staff sent notification of this action to the Discharger and known interested parties on October 14, 2024. Additionally, Board staff posted Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144, the transmittal letter (**Supporting Document 4**), and Notice of Written Comment Period (**Supporting Document 5**) on the San Diego Water Board website on September 21, 2023. These actions satisfy the 30-day public notification and comment requirements of Water Code section 13167.5. The San Diego Water Board received one comment letter on November 12, 2024, in support of the Board's adoption of the Tentative Order (**Supporting Document 6**). A Meeting Notice and Agenda for the December Board meeting was also posted on the San Diego Water Board website.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0144
2. Location Map for the Regional Treatment Plant
3. Amended Order No. R9-2022-0006
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Notice of Written Comment Period
6. Letter of Support from Clean Water Now