

# UNCONTESTED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Farhad Azimzadeh)  
MEETING DATE: May 9, 2007

**ITEM:** 5A

**SUBJECT:** Alameda County Water District, Aquifer Reclamation/Salinity Barrier Wells and Desalination Facility, Fremont and Newark, Alameda County---Rescission of NPDES Permit

**CHRONOLOGY:** April 2000---NPDES Permit Reissued

**DISCUSSION:** The attached Tentative Order rescinds the Alameda County Water District's permit because that permit is no longer needed. The District's discharges qualify for coverage under the new general permit for groundwater discharges the Board adopted at its April 2007 meeting. The District has submitted a complete application for coverage under the new general permit. We will issue a discharge authorization letter to the District before the effective date of the rescission of this permit to ensure that the District has no lapse in permit coverage.

We received no comments on the Tentative Order and expect this item to remain uncontested.

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DATION:** Adoption of the Tentative Order.

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
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**ORDER NO. R2-2007-00xx [Tentative]**

for Rescission of

Order No. 00-029, NPDES No. CA0038059, Waste Discharge Requirements for Aquifer Reclamation/Salinity Barrier Wells and Desalination Facility, Alameda County Water District, Fremont and Newark, Alameda County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. The Regional Water Board issued the following individual NPDES permit for aquifer reclamation/salinity barrier wells and desalination facility discharges:

Order No.	Discharger Facility Address	NPDES No.	Date Adopted	Date Expired	WDID No.
00-029	Alameda County Water District (ACWD) discharge facilities are located at different locations in the cities of Fremont and Newark	CA0038059	04/19/00	04/19/05	2019157001

2. On February 15, 2005, Alameda County Water District (District) filed a Report of Waste Discharge as application for reissuance of NPDES Permit No. CA0038059.
3. On April 11, 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R2-2007-0033, NPDES General Permit No. CAG912004, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge or Reuse of Extracted Brackish Groundwater and Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Resulting from Treatment of Groundwater by Reverse Osmosis and Discharge or Reuse of Extracted and Treated Groundwater Resulting from Structural Dewatering.
4. The District's current discharges qualify for coverage under the Order No. R2-2007-0033, which allows for extracted brackish groundwater and reverse osmosis concentrate of brackish groundwater to be discharged to the Bay or to stormwater conveyance channels tributary to the Bay.
5. Order No. 00-029 has expired and is no longer needed because District's discharges are qualified for coverage under the new General Permit (NPDES No. CAG912004).
6. Under Water Code section 13389, this action to rescind an NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Public Resources Code sections 21100-21177.

7. The Regional Water Board has notified the District and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements (NPDES permit) for these discharges, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
8. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this rescission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to provisions of Division 7 of the California Water Code, regulations, and plans and policies thereunder, that Order No. 00-029 is rescinded effective October 1, 2007.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on May 9, 2007 [Tentative].

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Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer