

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO R5-2017-0089

AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2015-0127

FOR  
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION, LLC  
AND  
NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

OIL FIELD PRODUCED WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT  
KERN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. On 11 December 2015, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2015-0127, prescribing requirements for California Resources Corporation, LLC (CRC) and North Kern Water Storage District (District) in Kern County.
2. Order R5-2015-0127 was issued to CRC and the District to provide CRC's treated oil field produced water to the District to augment the District's water supplies for irrigation and groundwater recharge.
3. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition – revised January 2004* (hereafter Basin Plan) has specific policies regarding the disposal of oil field produced water.
4. This amendment implements the policies of the Basin Plan for the discharge of oil field produced water to the Lerdo Canal and Rosedale Basin. Specifically, ponds shall be free of visible oil or effectively netted to preclude the entry of wildlife.

**California Environment Quality Act**

5. The action to amend WDRs Order R5-2015-0127 is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) because it involves no significant changes to the facility and is consistent with the existing Use Permit (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § 15301).

**Public Notice**

6. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to amend waste discharge requirements for this discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
7. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard, and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, pursuant to sections 13263 and 13267 of the California Water Code, Order R5-2015-0127 is amended to include new Discharge Specification C.9. California Resources Corporation, LLC, North Kern Water Storage District, its agents, successors, and assigns, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code, shall comply with amended Order R5-2015-0127 as follows:

Discharge Specification C.9 shall state the following:

9. The Lerdo Canal and Rosedale Basin shall be free of visible oil or oil accumulation, or effectively netted to preclude the entry of wildlife.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality)

or will be provided upon request. This Order is effective as of the date of adoption.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board on 11 August 2017.

Original signed by

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer