

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2012

Prepared on April 20, 2012

ITEM NUMBER: 11

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDINANCE TO CONTROL SALINITY INPUTS FROM SELF-REGENERATING WATER SOFTENERS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, RESOLUTION NO. R3-2012-0017

KEY INFORMATION: A clarifying edit was identified after preparation of the agenda package. The revision is described below.

AMENDED LANGUAGE

The finding that will be added to Mission Hills' waste discharge requirements is based upon Water Code Section 13148. As such, the finding should reflect the water code language by inclusion of the qualifying term "residential," as indicated in the amendment shown below.

AMENDMENT

Order No. R3-2012-0017, Page 3, Paragraph 2

2. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 97-35 is hereby amended to include the following finding:

"The Central Coast Water Board finds that the control of residential self-regenerating water softener use will contribute to the achievement of the water quality objectives approved in the Basin Plan. This finding is based on evidence in the records of the Central Coast Water Board, as described in this Resolution, demonstrating that salinity input from self-regenerating water softeners is a significant source of controllable salts within the Mission Hills Community Services District. The water softener ordinance would protect beneficial uses and provide maximum benefit to the users of the Santa Ynez Watershed and the Santa Ynez groundwater sub-basin, Lompoc Upland and Lompoc Plain sub-units, and to the State of California. The Health and Safety Code sections 116785 and 116786 also address salt control."

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. R3-2012-0017 as proposed.