

ITEM: 25

SUBJECT: Pixley Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Facility,
Tulare County

BOARD ACTION: *Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2007-0129*

BACKGROUND: Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2007-0123 regulates the discharge of up to 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of secondary treated effluent to unlined storage/percolation ponds, and irrigation of nearby farmland. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R5-2007-0129 requires the Pixley Public Utility District (Discharger) to cease discharging wastes in violation of its WDRs and to complete the expansion and upgrade of its Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The CDO imposed a time schedule for the Discharger to:

- Submit final design plans and begin construction to expand the WWTF;
- Provide a performance evaluation and certification report for lined sludge drying beds;
- Submit a final flow schematic and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual for the WWTF; and
- Comply with the effluent limits of WDRs Order No. R5-2007-0123.

The Discharger completed expansion of the WWTF in November 2008, and began discharging to the new/expanded WWTF starting in February 2009. All documents were submitted including the certification report for the lined sludge drying beds and the O&M Manual. During initial operation of the new/expanded WWTF, the new treatment system had difficulty meeting the effluent limits prescribed in the WDRs. However, by October 2009, the WWTF was meeting all effluent limits specified in WDRs Order No. R5-2007-0123.

No comments on the proposed rescission were received.

RECOMMENDATION Adopt the order rescinding Cease and Desist Order R5-2007-0129.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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