

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Vincent Christian)  
MEETING DATE: August 12, 2015

**ITEM:** 5A

**SUBJECT:** **City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Drinking Water Transmission System in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties – Rescission of NPDES Permit**

**CHRONOLOGY:** December 2008 – NPDES Permit reissued.

**DISCUSSION:** This Tentative Order (Appendix A) rescinds San Francisco’s permit for drinking water transmission line discharges to surface waters throughout Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties. These discharges will be covered by a new State Board general permit; therefore, this individual regional permit will be no longer necessary and can be rescinded. The rescission of the individual regional permit becomes effective once coverage begins under the State Board general permit.

We have made minor modifications to the tentative order circulated for public comment. We received no comments to that tentative order and expect this item to be uncontested.

**File:** CW-730408

**Appendix A:** Tentative Order

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**TENTATIVE ORDER No. R2-2015-00XX**

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER No. R2-2008-0102  
(NPDES NO. CA0038857) FOR  
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DRINKING WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS** the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Discharger) owns and operates drinking water transmission lines throughout the San Francisco Bay Region providing about 2.4 million people with drinking water.
2. On December 10, 2008, the Regional Water Board issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0038857 for the Discharger through Order No. R2-2008-0102. The Order permitted planned, unplanned, and emergency discharges from the Discharger's transmission lines into various water bodies throughout the San Francisco Bay Region.
3. On November 18, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ (General NPDES Permit No. CAG140001) for various discharges from community water systems including discharges from drinking water transmission lines. The Discharger intends to file for coverage under Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ for the same discharges covered under Order No. R2-2008-0102. Therefore, Order No. R2-2008-0102 can be rescinded.
4. Pursuant to section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this rescission is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, because it will no longer authorize discharges.
5. The Regional Water Board notified the Discharger and other interested persons of its intent to rescind the waste discharge requirements of Order No. R2-2008-0102 and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and participate in a public hearing.
6. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of the waste discharge requirements.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that Order No. R2-2008-0102 is rescinded, except for enforcement purposes, upon the effective date of an authorization to discharge granted for the same discharges pursuant to Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on **DATE**.

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Bruce H. Wolfe  
Executive Officer