

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2013-0081

RESCISSION OF

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2010-0091  
AND  
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2010-0091-01  
FOR  
CITY OF AUBURN  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
PLACER COUNTY

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

1. The City of Auburn (Discharger) owns and operates the City of Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Discharger was previously regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2005-0030 and, as of 22 September 2010 (amended 3 February 2011), is regulated under WDRs Order R5-2010-0090-01 (NPDES No. CA0079243).
2. On 22 September 2010, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2010-0091. The CDO required full compliance with the aluminum, chlorodibromomethane, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite effluent limitations by 16 March 2011. The CDO required full compliance with the ammonia effluent limitations by 31 August 2014.
3. On 3 February 2011 the Central Valley Water Board adopted amended WDRs Order R5-2010-0090-01 and CDO R5-2010-0091-01. The amended WDRs Order modified the aluminum effluent limitations. Amended CDO R5-2010-0091-01 did not address the aluminum effluent limitation and required full compliance with the chlorodibromomethane, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite effluent limitations by 16 March 2011. The amended CDO provided interim effluent limitations for ammonia through 31 August 2014 "...or when the Discharger is able to come into compliance with the final effluent limitations, whichever is sooner."
4. As of 1 January 2011, the Discharger achieved compliance with the ammonia, chlorodibromomethane, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite effluent limitations after constructing ultraviolet disinfection and nitrification-denitrification improvements to the treatment plant, as well as modifying treatment plant operations.
5. The CDO provided a time schedule of compliance and provided the Discharger protection from Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs). The Discharger has complied with the terms of the CDO because it constructed improvements, modified operations, and demonstrated full compliance with the ammonia, chlorodibromomethane, chloroform,

dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite effluent limitations. The Discharger no longer requires protection from MMPs. Therefore, it appropriate to rescind the CDO.

6. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind Orders R5-2010-0091 and R5-2010-0091-01, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity for them to submit their written views and recommendations.
7. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321(a) (2).
8. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments and evidence pertaining to this matter.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Cease and Desist Orders R5-2010-0091 and R5-2010-0091-01 are rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, 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, Central Valley Region, on 31 May 2013.

Original Signed By  
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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer