

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

ORDER No. R2-2015-0036

**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 Therefore, Order No. R2-2008-0102 can be rescinded.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the California Water Code and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that Order No. R2-2008-0102 is rescinded, except for enforcement purposes, upon the effective date of an authorization to discharge granted for the same discharges pursuant to Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ.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 August 12, 2015.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer