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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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ORDER NO. 00-12

**GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
RESIDENTIAL ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS
WITHIN THE BAYVIEW HEIGHTS AND MARTIN TRACT AREAS OF LOS OSOS
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Board), finds:

1. This General Waste Discharge Requirements Order authorizes discharge of waste from conventional residential on-site wastewater systems (septic systems) within the Los Osos/Baywood Park area, provided such discharges meet criteria specified in conditions for Eligibility and Application (A.1.a-e) below.
2. The Board may determine a Discharger eligible for authorization by this General Order will be better regulated under individual Waste Discharge Requirements or another General Waste Discharge Requirements Order. If an individual or general Order is issued for a discharge, then the applicability of this General Order for the discharge is immediately terminated on the effective date of the alternative Order.
3. On September 16, 1983, the Board amended the The Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan), by adopting Resolution No. 83-13, to prohibit discharge of wastes within the Los Osos/Baywood Park area effective November 1, 1988. Resolution No. 83-13 also established a compliance schedule for elimination of discharges within the prohibition area.
4. On January 8, 1988, in a public hearing, the Board found San Luis Obispo County was not in compliance with the schedule imposed by Resolution No. 83-13, and rescinded its Memorandum of Understanding with the County which waived waste discharge requirements for septic systems. The effect of this action was an immediate prohibition of new discharges within the Los Osos/Baywood Park area.
5. On September 8, 1999, in a public hearing, the Board approved conditions for granting exemptions to the prohibition of new discharges within the Los Osos/Baywood Park area. Conditions approved by the Board on September 8, 1999 are included in this Order.
6. Approximately 375 gallons-per-day of treated wastewater will be discharged to each residential septic system. The wastewater treatment systems consist of conventional septic tanks with subsurface disposal using leachfields or seepage pits.
7. The Basin Plan was last updated and adopted by the Board on September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan incorporates statewide plans and policies by reference and contains a strategy for protecting beneficial uses of State waters.
8. Present and anticipated beneficial uses of groundwater in the vicinity of the discharges include:
 - a. Municipal and domestic supply;
 - b. Agricultural supply; and
 - c. Industrial supply.
9. The Basin Plan contains septic system siting and design criteria to prevent impacts to water quality caused by failing septic systems. Discharges authorized by this Order are to

septic systems that are consistent with siting and design criteria specified in the Basin Plan.

10. These waste discharge requirements are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15308, Chapter 3, Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations.
11. Discharge of waste is a privilege, not a right, and authorization to discharge is conditional upon the discharge complying with provisions of Division 7 of the California Water Code and any more stringent limitations necessary to implement water quality control plans, to protect beneficial uses, and to prevent nuisance. Compliance with this Order should assure this and mitigate any potential adverse changes in water quality due to the discharge.
12. On January 28, 2000, the Board notified the vacant property owners (potential dischargers) and interested agencies and persons of its intent to adopt waste discharge requirements for the discharges and has provided them with a copy of the proposed Order and an opportunity to submit written views and comments.
13. After considering all comments pertaining to this discharge during a public hearing on March 31, 2000, this Order was found consistent with the above findings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to authority in Section 13263 of the California Water Code, all enrolled dischargers, their agents, successors, and assigns, may discharge wastes from conventional septic systems within the Bayview Heights and Martin Tract areas of Los Osos, providing compliance is maintained with the following:

(Throughout the following requirements, footnote "BP" indicates the Basin Plan as the source of the requirement. Requirements without footnotes are based on staff's professional judgement.)

A. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

1. Dischargers satisfying the following criteria are eligible for authorization to discharge by this General Order:

- a. The project is within the Bayview Heights and Martin Tract areas (shown on Attachment A) on existing lots of one acre or more with an approved tentative subdivision map on or before September 8, 1999, or less than one acre with an approved tentative subdivision map on or before September 16, 1983.
- b. The project includes approved conventional septic system with at least 30 feet separation between ground water and the bottom of the leach field or pit, or greater separation when required by the Basin Plan.
- c. New septic systems must comply with the siting and design criteria specific in Resolution No. 83-12 (Basin Plan, pages IV-57 to IV-67).^{BP}
- d. Projects where site conditions indicate less than 30 feet separation between ground water and the bottom of the leachfield or pit *or other noncomplying characteristics* shall require individual consideration and approval by the District Engineer and the Regional Board Executive Officer.
- e. The Discharger must submit a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) (Attachment B) and first annual fee for each discharge.
- f. Remodels of existing units within the Bayview Heights and Martin Tract areas are authorized without filing a NOI providing onsite wastewater systems serving such remodels comply with the Basin Plan criteria for such systems and are appropriately regulated by the County. Additional secondary dwellings (granny units) are not authorized.

B. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

1. Discharge to areas other than leachfield(s) or pit(s) designed in accordance with Basin Plan criteria, is prohibited.
2. Discharge of any wastes including overflow, bypass, and seepage from transport, treatment, or disposal systems to adjacent drainageways or adjacent properties is prohibited.

3. Bypass of the treatment facility and discharge of untreated or partially treated wastes directly to the leachfield or pit, are prohibited.
4. Surfacing of wastewater in the vicinity of the disposal area is prohibited.
5. Discharge of wastes other than domestic wastewater to the septic system is prohibited.

C. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

1. Daily flow of wastewater averaged over a monthly period shall not exceed 375 gallons.^{BP}

D. GROUND WATER LIMITATIONS

1. The discharge shall not cause a significant increase of mineral constituent concentrations in underlying ground waters. The discharge shall not cause concentrations of chemicals and radionuclides in groundwater to exceed limits set forth in Title 22, Chapter 15, Articles 4, 4.5, 5 and 5.5 of the California Code of Regulations.^{BP}

E. PROVISIONS

1. The Discharger shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 00-12, included as Attachment C of this General Order, and any revision thereto, as directed by the Executive Officer.

2. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable items of the attached "Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements" dated January, 1984.
3. The Discharger shall maintain a copy of this General Order and be familiar with its contents and requirements.
4. The Discharger shall implement best management practices for minimizing salts discharges. The Discharger shall not discharge brine from self-regenerating water softeners at this site.
5. The Discharger shall provide written notification to the succeeding owner or residents regarding these requirements and forward a copy of such notification to the Regional Board.
6. The Discharger shall have accumulated solids removed from septic tanks at least every five years; more frequently if needed.
7. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to prevent any discharge in violation of this General Order.

I, Roger W. Briggs, 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 Coast Region, on March 31, 2000.

Executive Officer