

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2010

(Prepared on June 15, 2010)

ITEM NUMBER: 9

SUBJECT: **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Jalama Beach County Park (Order No. 86-03) and enrollment in the *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (Order No. 97-10-DWQ)**

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Jalama Beach County Park
Location: 9999 Jalama Road, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County
Discharge Type: Sanitary Wastewater
Treatment: Septic Tanks and Leachfields
Design Capacity: 7,780 gpd (capacity of all systems at the park)
Discharge Volume: 6,644 gpd (peak summer volume)
Recycling: None
Existing Orders: 86-03 (Santa Barbara Co. Parks Dept., Jalama Beach Co. Park)
This Action: Rescind Individual Order and enroll in Statewide General Order

SUMMARY

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 86-03 to regulate sanitary wastewater discharges from Jalama Beach County Park. That Order is due for a regularly scheduled update. Staff recommends rescinding Order No. 86-03 and regulating the discharges using the *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (Order No. 97-10-DWQ).

DISCUSSION

Section 13263(e) of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authorizes Regional Water Quality Control Boards to review waste discharge requirements periodically. The State Legislature has found that many older orders are out of date and therefore do not implement state laws, regulations, and revised Water Quality Control Plans. It is time to review waste discharge requirements for Santa Barbara County Parks Department, Jalama Beach County Park (hereafter Discharger).

Jalama Beach County Park is located in an unincorporated area in Santa Barbara County. The park includes day-use areas, 117 campsites, several residences, a shop, and RV pump-out facilities. Sanitary wastewater is treated and disposed of through septic tank/leachfield systems, and shower facilities discharge to a separate gray water disposal system. Due to limited existing disposal capacity, the County has designed and is in the process of installing additional disposal fields. After completion of the current upgrade project, disposal capacity will be available to meet peak seasonal flows. The Central Coast Water Board last adopted waste discharge requirements for these facilities in 1986. Water Board staff reviewed the Discharger's file for the following items:

- a. Compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan, statewide plans and policies, and federal and state laws and regulations;
- b. Correspondence;
- c. Compliance Inspection Reports;
- d. Self Monitoring Reports;
- e. Active enforcement orders; and
- f. Significant changes in discharge volume or characteristics or in the beneficial uses of receiving waters.

Upon review, staff concluded that the character of the discharge has not significantly changed since the order was adopted, and the wastewater system will meet Basin Plan requirements once the current upgrade is complete. Rather than revise the existing order, staff recommends the Discharger be regulated by Water Quality Order No. 97-10-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land by Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on November 18, 1997. The General Order states,

Discharges to land from small domestic wastewater treatment and disposal systems have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentration of constituents, disposal techniques, flow ranges and they require the same or similar treatment standards. These types of discharges are more appropriately regulated under general Waste Discharge Requirements.

The General Order implements applicable Water Board standards, prohibitions, and requirements to protect water quality. The discharge is less than 20,000 gallons per day; therefore, it is eligible for coverage by the General Order. If the discharge is regulated by the General Order, then individual Waste Discharge Requirements would not be necessary and Order No. 86-03 should be rescinded.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Waste Discharge Requirements for existing facilities are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resource Code, Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

COMMENTS

The Discharger and interested parties were notified by a letter dated May 19, 2010, of Water Board staff's recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 86-03 and approve coverage of the Discharger using the General Order. These parties were invited to submit written comments by May 27, 2010. No comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind the individual Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 86-03, and approve enrollment under General Order No. 97-10-DWQ.

ATTACHMENT

Order No. 86-03, Waste Discharge Requirements for Jalama Beach County Park

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