

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2011**

(Prepared on October 25, 2011)

**ITEM NUMBER:** 14

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Pacifica Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara County (Order No. 89-47)

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**KEY INFORMATION**

Discharger: Pacifica Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara County  
Location: 249 Lambert Road, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County  
Discharge Type: Sanitary Wastewater  
Treatment: Septic Tanks with disposal to seepage pits  
Discharge Volume: Approximately 2,000 gallons per day (gpd)  
Recycling: None  
Existing Orders: WDR Order No. 89-47  
**This Action:** Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements

**SUMMARY**

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 89-47 to regulate sanitary wastewater discharges from Pacifica Graduate Institute (Discharger) to an onsite wastewater system. The facility has been connected to the Summerland Sanitary District community sewer system, the onsite discharge has ceased, and the onsite wastewater system has been abandoned. Accordingly, staff recommends rescinding Order No. 89-47.

**DISCUSSION**

Pacifica Graduate Institute is a university facility located in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County. In 1989, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 89-47 authorizing discharge of domestic wastewater to an onsite wastewater system. The onsite system consisted of septic tanks and seepage pits designed for a capacity of 4,500 gpd.

Semiannual monitoring reports document compliance with the requirements specified in Order No. 89-47, and indicate wastewater volume is considerably less than originally anticipated (average flow is less currently than 2,000 gpd).

Responding to local concerns regarding odors and potential impacts of the discharge upon underlying groundwater, the Discharger proceeded with a project to connect the facilities to the Summerland Sanitary District sewer system. By letter dated September 6, 2011, the Discharger notified the Central Coast Water Board that the campus has been connected to the community sewer system and no longer discharges onsite.

**COMMENTS**

The Discharger and interested parties were notified by a letter dated October 12, 2011, of Water Board staff's recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 89-47.

No comments were received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Rescind individual Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 89-47.

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