

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2021

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ITEM NUMBER: 6

**SUBJECT: Consideration of Proposed Order No. R3-2021-0049,
Termination of Order 93-82, Water Reclamation
Requirements for BSR, a General Partnership, Sea Pines
Golf Course, San Luis Obispo County (Primary User of
Recycled Water)**

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KEY INFORMATION

Location: Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County
Facility: Monarch Grove Reclamation Facility
Type of Discharge: Recycled Water
Design Capacity: 30,000 gallons per day
Treatment: Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water
Disposal: Land Application
Reclamation: Landscape Irrigation - golf course
Existing Orders: 93-82

ACTION: Adopt Order No. R3-2021-0049

SUMMARY

Staff proposes terminating Water Reclamation Requirements Order No. 93-82, which regulated the discharge of recycled water from the former Monarch Grove wastewater reclamation facility in Los Osos to the Sea Pines Golf Course for irrigation purposes.

Order No. 93-82 is no longer needed because the Monarch Grove reclamation facility is no longer in existence and does not produce recycled water. Sea Pines Golf Course now receives recycled water from the County of San Luis Obispo's Los Osos Water Recycling Facility under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use*.

DISCUSSION

Background

On September 10, 1993, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Order No. 93-82 prescribing water reclamation requirements for the discharge of recycled water from the Monarch Grove Wastewater Reclamation Facility to the Sea Pines Golf Course for irrigation purposes.

On May 5, 2011, the Central Coast Water Board adopted waste discharge requirements for the County of San Luis Obispo's Los Osos Water Recycling Facility. The Los Osos Water Recycling Facility was designed to accept regional wastewater flows including flows previously directed to the Monarch Grove wastewater reclamation facility.

On September 5, 2018, the Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer enrolled the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility in State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use*. This allows the County of San Luis Obispo to administer a recycled water program within the County's recycled water service area.

On June 10, 2019, the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility began delivery of the recycled water to the Sea Pines Golf Course for irrigation.

On July 19, 2019, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Order No. R3-2019-0083, terminating the waste discharge requirements for the Monarch Grove wastewater reclamation facility, as all wastewater was being directed to the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility and the Monarch Grove facility was no longer in operation.

The delivery of recycled water to the Sea Pines Golf Course is no longer provided by the Monarch Grove water reclamation facility and is now provided by the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility. Therefore, Order No. 93-82 is unnecessary.

Compliance History

There is one documented cases of water-quality related noncompliance for recycled water irrigation overspray coming in contact with golfers during an onsite inspection in 2001. There is one documented violation for failure to submit information and late submittal of a required report.

Human Right to Water

California Water Code section 106.3, subdivision (a) states that it is the policy of the State of California "that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitation purposes." On January 26, 2017, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Resolution No. R3-2017-0004, which affirms the realization of the human right to water and the protection of human health as the Central Coast Water Board's top priorities.

Termination of Order No. 93-82 is consistent with Resolution No. R3-2017-0004 as it ensures regulatory consistency and protection of receiving waters by requiring compliance with statewide general waste discharge requirements for recycled water.

Disadvantaged Communities

The Central Coast Water Board implements regulatory activities and water quality projects in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all ethnicities, cultures, backgrounds and income levels, including disadvantaged communities (DACs). Additionally, the Central Coast Water Board is committed to providing all stakeholders the opportunity to participate in the public process and provide meaningful input to decisions that affect their communities.

Termination of Order No. 93-82 affects only the Sea Pines Golf Course within the Monarch Grove Community. Sea Pines Golf Course and the Monarch Grove neighborhood are not considered disadvantaged communities.

Climate Change

The Central Coast faces the threat and the effects of climate change for the foreseeable and distant future. To proactively prepare and respond, the Central Coast Water Board has launched the Central Coast Water Board's Climate Action Initiative, which identifies how the Central Coast Water Board's work relates to climate change and prioritizes actions that improve water supply resiliency through water conservation and wastewater reuse and recycling; mitigate for and adapt to sea level rise and increased flooding; improve energy efficiency; and reduce greenhouse gas production. The Climate Action Initiative is consistent with the Governor's Executive Order B-30-15 and the State Water Board's Climate Change Resolution No. 2017-0012.

Termination of Order No. 93-82 will not have any effect on climate change response.

COMMENTS

The draft order and staff report were sent to known interested parties and posted on the Central Coast Water Board's website. No comments were received.

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate to terminate Order No. 93-82 because the Sea Pines Golf Course receives recycled water from the Los Osos Water Recycling Facility and no longer receives recycled water from the former Monarch Grove Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Therefore, Order No. 93-82 is no longer necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Order No. R3-2021-0049 terminating Order No. 93-82.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Order No. R3-2021-0049

WDR Program

ECM Subject Name = Sea Pines Golf Course

ECM/CIWQS Place ID = CW-256122

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