The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter referred to as “Central Valley Water Board”) finds that:

1. The City of Yuba City (Discharger) owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The Discharger was previously regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2003-0085 and, as of 28 January 2010, is regulated under WDRs Order R5-2007-0134-01 (NPDES No. CA0079260).

2. On 6 June 2003, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2003-0086 for the City of Yuba City WWTF. The CDO required full compliance with effluent limitations for organochlorine pesticides, aluminum, ammonia, diazinon, electrical conductivity, ethion, iron, manganese, and molybdenum by 1 March 2008.

3. The Discharger petitioned the WDRs and CDO to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). On 22 June 2004, the SWRCB adopted Water Quality Order (WQO) 2004-0013. The WQO vacated the limitations for organochlorine pesticides, aluminum, ammonia, diazinon, and ethion and remanded WDRs R5-2003-0085 and CDO R5-2003-0086 back to the Central Valley Water Board for reconsideration.


5. Effective July 2012, the Discharger has achieved compliance with the iron, manganese, and molybdenum limitations in Order R5-2007-0134-01 and therefore achieved compliance with CDO R5-2003-0086.

6. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind Cease and Desist Order R5-2003-0086, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity for them to submit their written views and recommendations.
7. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321(a) (2).

8. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments and evidence pertaining to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order R5-2003-0086 is rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, 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 Valley Region, on 7 December 2012.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer