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

1. As of 11 December 2011, River Highlands Community Services District, County of Yuba, and Gold Village Land Development, LLC, hereafter referred to as “Discharger,” own and operate a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The River Highlands Community Services District was previously regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2002-0101 (WDRs). As of 1 December 2011, the Discharger is regulated by Order R5-2011-0086 (NPDES CA0081574).

2. On 7 June 2002, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2002-0102 for the River Highlands Community Services District Hammonton Gold Village WWTP. The CDO required full compliance with the ammonia, total residual chlorine, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite effluent limitations by 30 April 2007.

3. On 17 November 2006, the Central Valley Water Board issued Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R5-2006-0730 to River Highlands Community Services District and Gold Village Land Development, LLC. The CAO required the Discharger cease discharge of improperly treated wastewater to the land application site, prevent all discharges to surface waters, cease causing or threatening to cause a condition of pollution or nuisance, and submit plans and a time schedule to come into compliance.

4. The Discharger has achieved compliance by constructing a tertiary treatment membrane bioreactor (MBR) system and as of July 2012, fully complies with the effluent limitations in Order R5-2011-0086.

5. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind CDO R5-2002-0102 and CAO R5-2006-0730, and has
provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity for them to submit their written views and recommendations.

6. 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).

7. 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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order R5-2002-0102 and Cleanup and Abatement Order R5-2006-0730 are rescinded.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

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer