

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT
March 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Proposed Order R7-2019-0015, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Borrego Water District (District or Discharger), Owner/Operator, Rams Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), Borrego Springs, San Diego County.

PURPOSE: Proposed Order R7-2019-0015 updates waste discharge requirements to reflect changes in operation, implement the most current laws and regulations applicable to the discharge, and eliminates the existing seasonal monitoring and reporting schedule.

BACKGROUND:

Borrego Water District owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system that provides sewerage service to portions of Borrego Springs. The Facility services approximately 20 percent of the community of Borrego Springs. The remaining 80 percent of the community is serviced by onsite septic tank-subsurface disposal systems. On September 19, 2007, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2007-0053 for the Facility.

CURRENT STATUS:

The Discharger has continued to discharge and monitor under Order R7-2007-0053. The Facility has a design treatment capacity of 0.250 million gallons-per-day (mgd) and currently discharges approximately 0.073 mgd.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Facility Monitoring and Reporting Program R7-2007-0053 included a seasonal monitoring and reporting schedule, because historically, domestic wastewater influent flows were significantly greater during the winter months by comparison to the summer months. Flows to the Facility have increased overall and the variability is no longer as great. This Order will eliminate the seasonal monitoring and reporting schedule and implement a constant schedule throughout the year. In addition, special provisions are proposed for improved groundwater protection. These special provisions are for a Groundwater Monitoring Network Technical Report and Work Plan, a Nitrogen Control Strategy Technical Report, and a TDS Source Control Program Technical Report.

ISSUES:

No issues have been identified.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments have been received from the public, the Discharger, and/or governmental agencies.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt proposed Order R7-2019-0015.