# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LAHONTAN REGION

### BOARD ORDER NO. R6T-2005-0027

## RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

# SUSANVILLE FOREST PRODUCTS, BOARD ORDER NO. 6-91-16 WDID 6A1800080301

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board) finds:

#### Susanville Forest Products

On February 14, 1991 the Regional Board adopted Board Order No. 6-91-16 updating waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the Susanville Forest Products (Site). The Site is located near the City of Susanville along Johnstonville Road, and adjacent to the Susan River. The Site was a former lumber mill and included a solar pond that received boiler blow down from a cogeneration facility, and runoff from a log deck area.

Based on findings in the 1991 WDRs, increases in electrical conductivity, chloride, sodium, tannin, and lignin in the ground water wells were a concern. Based on the concerns and changes in regulations for such waste ponds, the WDRs required modifications to the solar pond. In response to these requirements, the Discharger ceased discharging and backfilled the solar pond with soil in 1994.

The Susanville Forest Products discontinued operations over ten years ago. The Discharger has continued monitoring the ground water at the Site (typically collecting quarterly samples as required). There is information to indicate that the former use was degrading the ground water locally, but at levels below drinking water maximum contaminant levels. There is no information that the former solar pond continues to pose a threat to water quality or beneficial uses of water. Rescinding this Order does not limit the Regional Board's authority if new information indicates that water pollution at the Site has occurred due to the former operations. Therefore, it is not against the public interest to rescind Board Order No. 6-91-16.

### It is hereby ordered that the Board Order No. 6-91-16 be rescinded.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on October 11, 2005.

<u>"Original Signed By"</u> HAROLD J. SINGER EXECUTIVE OFFICER