

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**MEETING OF APRIL 26-27, 2023
BARSTOW, CA**

ITEM 7
*RESCISSION OF MASTER WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT, DISINFECTED TERTIARY RECYCLED WATER

CHRONOLOGY	
June 10, 2009	The Water Board adopted Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035 “ <i>Master Water Recycling Requirements and Waste Discharge Requirements, Mammoth Community Water District, Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water,</i> ” (WRRs). The WRRs regulate Mammoth Community Water District’s (MCWD’s) recycled water deliveries to the Sierra Star Golf Course, Snowcreek Golf Course, and the Trucked Recycled Water Program.
July 12, 2019	MCWD submitted <i>Recycled Water System Engineering Report</i> as their Title 22 Engineering Report (T22ER) to the State Water Resources Control Board’s (State Water Board’s) Division of Drinking Water (DDW)
August 27, 2019	DDW issued a conditional approval letter for MCWD’s T22ER.
April 15, 2020	MCWD submitted <i>Water Recycled Program Technical Report and Notice of Intent</i> detailing the proposed uses of recycled water to the Water Board.
August 11, 2020	DDW issued a comment letter documenting the necessary revisions and updates needed for a revised T22ER.
February 10, 2022	MCWD submitted the final version of the T22ER that addressed previous comments made by DDW.
February 23, 2022	DDW issued a conditional approval letter for MCWD’s <i>Title 22 Engineering Report</i> .

BACKGROUND
<p>MCWD provides water and sanitation services to a service area within the boundaries of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, located in the southwestern part of Mono County, California. MCWD is also the producer and distributor of all recycled water within their service area and capable of producing disinfected secondary recycled water and disinfected tertiary treated recycled water. Since adopting the WRRs, MCWD has provided recycled water to the Sierra Star Golf Course, Snowcreek Golf Course, and users issued a permit under their Trucked Recycled Water Program.</p>

ISSUES

Should the Water Board rescind Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035 issued to the Mammoth Community Water District?

DISCUSSION

MCWD's desire is to be regulated under the State Water Board's Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (General Order) to enable MCWD to become an Administrator of recycled water in their service area and permit additional uses of recycled water that are not currently covered under the existing WRRs. In order to enroll MCWD under the General Order as a recycled water program "Administrator" and "Producer," the Water Board has to rescind the WRRs.

Under the current WRRs, MCWD oversees their Trucked Recycled Water Program. Owners and operators of tanker trucks and truck trailers are eligible to use tertiary treated recycled water for various projects such as dust control, soil compaction, and mixing concrete. Presently, tertiary treated recycled water is produced and in demand during the summer months and used for watering golf courses. By enrolling MCWD as an Administrator under the General Order, MCWD would be able to permit disinfected secondary treated recycled water to be used during the months where tertiary treatment is paused, as well as issue permits to other sites where recycled water may be used in their service area.

The State Water Board's 2019 *Water Quality Control Policy for Recycled Water* (Policy) requires all California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Engineering Reports to be updated and submitted to DDW for review to ensure compliance with the Policy. In addition, the Policy requires the Water Board to review and update all recycled water permits and monitoring and reporting programs to ensure consistency with the Policy. MCWD originally submitted a T22ER on July 12, 2019, which was conditionally approved by DDW on August 27, 2019. However, because MCWD sought coverage under the General Order, revisions, and updates to the previously approved T22ER were necessary. MCWD then submitted a *Water Recycling Program Technical Report and Notice of Intent*, dated April 15, 2020, to the Water Board and DDW. DDW issued a comment letter on August 11, 2020, documenting the necessary revisions and updates needed for a revised T22ER. MCWD addressed DDW's comments in a revised T22ER submitted on February 10, 2022. On February 23, 2022, DDW conditionally approved MCWD's revised T22ER. After DDW's approval of the T22ER, the Water Board deemed the NOI complete and did not have any comments.

MCWD meets the requirements of the General Order and is qualified to act as an Administrator of recycled water in their service area. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind the current WRRs and issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to MCWD to act as an Administrator and Producer of recycled water.

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

For purposes of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the California Department of Water Resources identifies the following groundwater basins in Mono County, along with priority, near the discharge location within the Lahontan Region.

Priority	Groundwater Basin Inyo County
Very Low	Long Valley (6-011)

Source: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp2018-dashboard/>

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INPUT

Water Board staff discussed rescission of the Board Order with MCWD and DDW, as well as the necessity of an approved Title 22 Engineering Report. DDW issued a comment letter on August 11, 2020, documenting the necessary revisions and updates needed for a previous Title 22 Engineering Report submitted on August 27, 2019. Both DDW and Water Board staff agree that the most recent report adequately addresses all comments and are in support of MCWD’s desire to become an Administrator and Producer of recycled water under the State Water Board’s General Order. Water Board staff intends on issuing an NOA, which is contingent upon rescinding MCWD’s current Board Order.

The Tentative Board Order was sent to a mailing list of interested parties, and no comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION

Water Board staff recommends rescission of Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035, as proposed.

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ENCLOSURE 1

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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**BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2023-PROPOSED
WDID NO. 6B260903003**

**RESCISSION OF MASTER WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS AND
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS,
DISINFECTED TERTIARY RECYCLED WATER,
BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2009-0035**

FOR

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

Mono County

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

1. Facility Description

The Mammoth Community Water District (District) is located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, approximately 1.5 miles east of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in the southwestern part of Mono County.

The District collects, treats, and disposes of domestic wastewater generated in the District's service area that encompasses an area of approximately 3,640 acres. Since adopting Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035, the District has been providing recycled water to the Sierra Star Golf Course, Snowcreek Golf Course, and users that have been issued a permit under their Trucked Recycled Water Program.

2. Discharger

Mammoth Community Water District owns and operates the regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

3. Permit History

The Water Board adopted Board Order R6V-2009-0035 on June 10, 2009. The order established water recycling requirements (WRRs) for recycled water that is produced, administered, and distributed by Mammoth Community Water District.

4. Reason for Action

The District is proposing a change from the current WRRs to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Order, WQ 2016-0068-DDW *Water Reclamation Requirement for Recycled Water Uses* (General Order), which will allow them to act as an Administrator for recycled water within their service area. Therefore, enrollment under the General Order requires rescinding the existing WRRs.

5. California Environmental Quality Act

Rescission of the WRRs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321 (a)(2), Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies.

6. Notification of Interested Parties

The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested parties and agencies of its intent to rescind Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035. No comments were received during the public review period for the rescission order.

7. Public Meeting

The Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT pursuant to Water Code sections 13260 and 13263, Board Order No. R6V-2009-0035 is hereby rescinded except for enforcement purposes.

I, Michael R. Plaziak, 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 April 26, 2023.

MICHAEL R. PLAZIAK, PG
EXECUTIVE OFFICER