

**State of California
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

ORDER NO. R4-2004-0121

**REVISION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR**

**CAMARILLO SANITARY DISTRICT – CAMARILLO WATER RECLAMATION PLANT
(NPDES NO. CA0053597, ORDER NO. R4-2003-0079)**

**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY – SIMI VALLEY WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLANT
(NPDES NO. CA0055221, ORDER NO. R4-2003-0081)**

**CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS – HILL CANYON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
(NPDES NO. CA0056294, ORDER NO. R4-2003-0083)**

**OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT – OJAI VALLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
(NPDES NO. CA0053961, ORDER NO. R4-2003-0087)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (hereafter Regional Board), finds:

1. The following publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) discharge municipal and industrial wastes under waste discharge requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits:

<u>Publicly Owned Treatment Plant (NPDES Permit No.)</u>	<u>Discharge Location (Receiving Waters)</u>	<u>Type of Waste (Flow)</u>	<u>Order No./ (Adoption Date)</u>
Camarillo Sanitary District, Camarillo Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) (CA0053597)	150 East Howard Road Camarillo (Arroyo Conejo)	Treated municipal and industrial wastewater - 6.75 MGD	R4-2003-0079 (June 5, 2003)
City of Simi Valley, Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant (WQCP) (CA0055221)	600 W. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley (Arroyo Simi)	Treated municipal and industrial wastewater - 12.5 MGD	R4-2003-0081 (June 5, 2003)
City of Thousand Oaks, Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (CA0056294)	9600 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo (North and South Forks Arroyo Conejo)	Treated municipal and industrial wastewater - 14 MGD	R4-2003-0083 (June 5, 2003)
Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Ojai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (CA0053961)	6363 N. Ventura Ave. Ojai (Ventura River)	Treated municipal and industrial wastewater - 3 MGD	R4-2003-0087 (June 5, 2003)

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2. The aforementioned NPDES permits, adopted on June 5, 2003 by this Regional Board, contain numeric final effluent limitations for chronic toxicity, consistent with other NPDES permits adopted for similar POTW discharges at that time. (See enclosed copies of the Pages of the Orders containing the chronic toxicity effluent limitation section.) In addition, the NPDES permits contain the following reopener language, "*This Order may be reopened and modified to revise the chronic toxicity effluent limitation, to the extent necessary, to be consistent with State Board precedential decisions in the Los Coyotes/Long Beach Petitions.*"
3. On September 16, 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Order No. WQO 2003-0012, in response to petitions filed by the County Sanitation Districts No. 2 of Los Angeles County and Santa Monica Baykeeper for the Los Coyotes and Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant NPDES permits [SWRCB/OCC File Nos. A-1496 and A-1496(a)]. In its precedential Order No. WQO 2003-0012, the State Board found that the use of final numeric effluent limitations in permits for POTWs that discharge to inland surface waters, is an issue of statewide importance that should be addressed in the statewide implementation plan (SIP). In addition, the State Board replaced the numeric chronic toxicity effluent limitations with a narrative chronic toxicity limitation, until Phase II of the SIP is adopted.
4. The purpose of this Order is to amend the numeric chronic toxicity final effluent limitations, in the NPDES permits for the facilities listed in Finding 1, so that the Orders are consistent with the State Board's precedential decision.
5. In accordance with Water Code section 13389, the amendment of Order Nos. R4-2003-0079, R4-2003-0081, R4-2003-0083, and R4-2003-0087 are exempt from those provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act contained in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100) Division 13 of the Public Resources Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Orders, adopted by this Board on June 5, 2003, are hereby amended as follows:

1. Discharge Requirement I.C.2.b., on Page 33 of Order No. R4-2003-0079, for the Camarillo Water Reclamation Plant; on Page 32 of Order No. R4-2003-0081, for the Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant; on Page 33 of Order No. R4-2003-0083, for the Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant; and, Discharge Requirement I.D.2.b. on Page 28 of Order No. R4-2003-0087, for the Ojai Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant, shall read as follows:

~~Chronic toxicity of 100% effluent shall not exceed a monthly median of 1.0 TU_e or a daily maximum of 2.0 TU_e in a critical life stage test.~~ There shall be no chronic toxicity in the effluent discharge.

2. A new Discharge Requirement will be added as Section I.C.2.e, on Page 33 of Order No. R4-2003-0079 for the Camarillo WRP; as Section I.C.2.f, on Page 32 of Order No. R4-2003-0081 for the Simi Valley WQCP; as Section I.C.2.e, on Page 34 of Order No. R4-2003-0083 for the

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Hill Canyon WWTP; and as Section I.D.2.e, on Page 29 of Order No. R4-2003-0087 for the Ojai Valley WWTP, and shall read as follows:

This permit may be reopened to include effluent limitations for pollutants found to be causing chronic toxicity and to include numeric chronic toxicity effluent limitations based on direction from the State Water Resources Control Board or failure of the Discharger to comply fully with the TRE/TIE requirements.

3. Consistent with the State Board' s decision in the Los Coyotes/Long Beach Order, the revised final effluent chronic toxicity limitations shall relate back to the July 25, 2003, effective date of Order Nos. R4-2003-0079, R4-2003-0081, R4-2003-0083, and R4-2003-0087.
4. This Order shall be attached to each of the orders it modifies and provided to the dischargers. For ease of reference, Regional Board staff are also directed to prepare a revised version of each existing order that reflects the changes made in this Order. The revised versions shall also be provided to the dischargers and shall bear the appropriate title "Order No. R4-2003-0### (as Revised by Order No. R4-2004-0121)."
5. The Expiration date, and all other Limitations, Requirements, and Provisions of Order Nos. R4-2003-0079, R4-2003-0081, R4-2003-0083, and R4-2003-0087, are unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect.

I, Jonathan Bishop, Interim 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, Los Angeles Region, on August 5, 2004.

Jonathan Bishop
Interim Executive Officer