

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

**ORDER NO. R4-2023-0090**

**TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND  
A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT,  
ORDER NO. R4-2003-0151, FOR DISCHARGES FROM THE MOORPARK WATER  
RECLAMATION FACILITY TO ARROYO LAS POSAS**

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

1. On December 4, 2003, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Order No. R4-2003-0151, which serves as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and regulates the discharge of disinfected tertiary-treated effluent from the Moorpark Water Reclamation Facility (Moorpark WRF) to Arroyo Las Posas.
2. The Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (VCWD) is the owner and operator of the Moorpark WRF, and is the sole permittee in Order No. R4-2003-0151. As allowed by federal regulations at 40 CFR 122.6, the NPDES permit has been administratively extended until the Los Angeles Water Board takes action on the NPDES permit renewal.
3. On November 13, 2013, VCWD submitted a request for termination of their NPDES permit because the Moorpark WRF has sufficient storage capacity for the effluent in its thirty percolation ponds. VCWD has not discharged to Arroyo Las Posas since April 2002. On December 3, 2013, the Los Angeles Water Board issued a letter responding to VCWD's request for termination, informing VCWD that prior to terminating the NPDES permit, VCWD needed to submit additional information.
4. On February 7, 2014, VCWD submitted a certification form and water quality data for the modification of the Non-NPDES Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). In addition, VCWD requested approval to increase the volume of tertiary-treated effluent that it recycles from 1.5 MGD to 3.0 MGD.
5. Since the Moorpark WRF receives industrial wastewater in addition to domestic wastewater, the NPDES permit could not be terminated until after VCWD obtained approval of its Pretreatment Program and the requirements of the approved pretreatment program were incorporated into the Non-NPDES WDRs. On November 23, 2020, the Los Angeles Water Board requested that VCWD submit an ROWD for the renewal of the WDRs that regulate the discharge of secondary-

treated effluent from the Moorpark WRF to percolation ponds, so that the pretreatment requirements could be incorporated into the WDRs. On January 13, 2021, VCWD submitted an incomplete ROWD and subsequently submitted supplemental information. On February 6, 2021, the Los Angeles Water Board approved VCWD's Pretreatment Program. On February 28, 2022, the ROWD was deemed complete.

6. On, November 17, 2022, Los Angeles Water Board staff conducted an inspection of the Facility and verified that the Facility's discharge structure has been plugged and capped.
7. On April 27, 2023, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Order No. R4-2023-0089, which serves as WDRs and Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs) for the Moorpark WRF. Since the Moorpark WRF receives industrial wastewater as well as domestic wastewater, Order No. R4-2023-0089 also includes pretreatment program requirements. Since the Discharger has eliminated the discharge to surface water from the Facility, the Los Angeles Water Board finds that Order Number R4-2003-0151 is no longer necessary and may be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement.
8. Termination of the NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Water Code Section 13389 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) because there is no possibility that termination of these waste discharge requirements may have a significant effect on the environment.
9. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified the Discharger, interested agencies, and interested persons of its intent to consider termination of the NPDES permit and has provided them with an opportunity to submit written comments.
10. The Los Angeles Water Bard, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to this matter.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following NPDES permit be terminated, except for enforcement purposes:

<b><u>DISCHARGER NAME (NPDES PERMIT NO.)</u></b>	<b><u>ORDER NO. (ADOPTION DATE)</u></b>	<b><u>REASON FOR TERMINATION</u></b>
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 - Moorpark WRF (CA0063274)	R4-2003-0151 (December 4, 2003)	Recycle effluent and discharge to percolation ponds under separate WDRs/WRRs, and terminate surface water discharge.

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The Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

I, Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on April 27, 2023.

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for Susana Arredondo  
Executive Officer