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ORDER NO. R4-2019-XXXX

TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MONTALVO COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT (MONTALVO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT) FILE NO. 54-052

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

- 1. In 1964, the Montalvo Municipal Improvement District (MMID) was formed to bring sewer service to the Montalvo community located in an unincorporated area southeast of Ventura County. It was one of Ventura County's smallest wastewater treatment providers, serving approximately 600 properties.
- 2. Between 1964 and 1965, the MMID built the Montalvo Water Pollution Control Plant (MWPCP) at 3555 Ventura Road, Montalvo, California, which received domestic wastewater from the Montalvo community.
- 3. On April 23, 1979, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)contained in Order No. 79-075 were adopted to regulate the discharge of treated wastewater from the MWPCP. The WDRs were subsequently renewed on June 22, 1987 with the adoption of Order No. 87-092.
- 4. The MWPCP treatment process consisted of bar screening, comminution, an influent holding tank, two batch reactors with polymer application and a lined polish Treated wastewater from MWPCP was discharged to three evaporation/percolation ponds. It had a dry flow design capacity of 360,000 gallon per day (gpd) and a wet flow design capacity of 750,000 gpd. The average daily wastewater inflow to the MWPCP was 220,000 gpd.
- 5. On December 13, 1997, the Regional Water Board revised the WDRs based on changes in the average daily dry flow volume to the MWPCP and the Water Quality Objectives provided in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). The revised WDRs contained in Order No. 97-037 included new effluent limitations, updated standard provisions, and a revised Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. CI-5068.
- 6. On December 3, 2015, the Montalvo Community Service District (MCSD), formerly

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MMID, notified Regional Water Board staff that MCSD has entered into an agreement with the City of Ventura (City) for the closure of the MWPCP and all wastewater flow from the Montalvo community would be diverted to the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility.

- 7. On February 22, 2016, the City, who owns and operates the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility, notified Regional Water Board staff of the completion of the main sewer line bypass from the MWPCP to the Ventura Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The City also notified the Regional Water Board that it had assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the collection system from the MCSD.
- 8. In March 2016, the MWPCP was decommissioned and the plant was demolished in May 2016.
- On August 13, 2019, Regional Water Board staff conducted an inspection of the subject facility and verified that the MWPCP was demolished and that wastewater is diverted to the Ventura WRF. Discharges from the Ventura WRF are covered under Order No. R4-2013-0174, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0053651.
- 10. Because waste discharge has ceased and the MWPCP has been demolished, the Regional Water Board finds that Order No. 97-037 is no longer needed and may be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement.
- 11. The termination of Order No. 97-037 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the termination of Waste Discharge Requirements and the termination of the discharge authorized by the Waste Discharge Requirements does not have the potential for causing a significant impact on the environment. See Title 14, Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3).

The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider termination of Order No. 97-037 and has provided them with an opportunity to submit comments. The Regional Water Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to the Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 97-037 is terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of this Regional 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, Renee Purdy, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and

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correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on November 14, 2019.

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

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