

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2007-0029

Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements

California Department of Transportation, Humboldt Bay Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project
Order No. R1-2002-0002, WDID No. 1B01114NHUM
NPDES Permit No. CA0025119

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. On January 24, 2002, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Order No. R1-2002-0002, requiring the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to comply with discharge prohibitions and effluent limitations for the Humboldt Bay Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project, in Eureka, California. Order No. R1-2002-0002 also requires compliance with Contingency Planning and Notification Requirements Order No. 74-151 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2002-0002.
2. In 2006, Caltrans requested to have the Humboldt Bay Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project WDRs, Order No. R1-2002-0002, rescinded because the project had been completed. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in the WDRs, Order No. R1-2002-0002, are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.
3. This action to rescind WDRs is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b). Based on the foregoing findings and the facts underlying them, this action to rescind WDRs cannot reasonably be expected to have any potentially significant adverse effect on the environment.
4. On June 14, 2007, after due notice to Caltrans and all other affected persons, the Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing and evidence was received regarding rescission of the WDRs.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2002-0002 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2002-0002 are rescinded except for enforcement purposes.

CERTIFICATION

I, Catherine Kuhlman, 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, North Coast Region, on June 14, 2007.

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer