

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2014
Prepared on December 19, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: 9

SUBJECT: Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Local Sewage Collection Agencies Tributary to the City of Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Facility, Santa Cruz County, Order No. R3-2003-0041

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KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Salsipuedes Sanitary District, Pajaro County Sanitation District, Freedom County Sanitation District
Location: Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties
Place IDs: CW-215126, CW-215124, CW-631968
Type of Discharge: Untreated Municipal Wastewater
Disposal Method: Wastewater sent to City of Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant for Treatment and Disposal to the Pacific Ocean, or recycled to Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
Existing Orders: WDR No. R3-2003-0041
This Action: Rescind Order No. R3-2003-0041

DISCUSSION

In May 2003, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Order No. R3-2003-0041 establishing requirements for Salsipuedes Sanitary District's, Freedom County Sanitation District's, and Pajaro County Sanitation District's sewer collection systems tributary to the City of Watsonville's wastewater treatment plant. In 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Statewide General WDRs for Sanitary Sewer Systems, WQO No. 2006-0003 (Statewide General Order).

In 2006, Salsipuedes enrolled in the Statewide General Order, but then subsequently terminated coverage in 2008. Since 2008, Salsipuedes has been regulated only by WDR No. R3-2003-0041. Consistent with State Board policy, the Central Coast Water Board sent Salsipuedes a letter on November 15, 2013, notifying Salsipuedes that Order No. R3-2003-0041 would be considered for rescission and that Salsipuedes must enroll in the Statewide General Order by December 30, 2013. On December 19, 2013, State Board staff notified Central Coast Water Board staff that it received Salsipuedes' notice of intent to enroll in the Statewide General Order.

Pajaro enrolled in the Statewide General Order on April 29, 2013, and has been enrolled since.

Freedom enrolled in the Statewide General Order on July 27, 2006, and has been enrolled since.

Central Coast Water Board staff recommends the Board rescind Order No. R3-2003-0041 to avoid duplicate regulation and fees.

VIOLATIONS

Salsipuedes Sanitary District's last reported violation was a 25-gallon sewage spill at a private residence in February 2009. Prior to that violation, the most recent violations were in 2006.

Pajaro County Sanitation District has reported four spills, including 1000-gallon sewage spill in March 2013 due to a force main air compressor line failure. The spill did not reach a water body and was contained on a paved surface.

Freedom County Sanitation District's has four reported spills, the largest of which was 200 gallons in December 2005 caused by a contractor error. The most recent spill was in February 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

On November 14, 2013, Central Coast Water Board staff sent a letter to each agency and other potentially interested parties notifying them of the intent to rescind Order No. R3-2003-0041. Central Coast Water Board staff has not received any comments on the proposal from any of the parties.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Order No. R3-2003-0041, as proposed.

ATTACHMENT

1. Order No. R3-2003-0041

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