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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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SUBJECT: Resolution R3-2018-0052 - Termination of Individual Waste Discharge Requirements Orders, Enforcement Orders, and General Order Enrollments for Los Osos Properties Connected to Sewer, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County

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KEY INFORMATION

Location: Various properties in Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County
Type of Discharge: Domestic wastewater from septic tank and leach field systems

This Action: Adoption of Resolution R3-2018-0052 Terminating Waste Discharge Requirements Orders, General Order Enrollments, and Various Enforcement Orders

SUMMARY

Staff is proposing the termination of waste discharge requirement orders and enforcement orders (i.e., cleanup and abatement orders and cease and desist orders) associated with 25 residential properties, communities and facilities that are now connected to the Los Osos municipal wastewater collection system and treatment plant (municipal wastewater system). These Los Osos and Baywood Park residential properties, communities and facilities previously discharged domestic wastewater via individual or community onsite wastewater treatment systems (i.e., septic systems).

DISCUSSION

Prior to the completion of the Los Osos municipal wastewater treatment plant in March 2016, wastewater treatment and disposal in the communities of Los Osos and Baywood Park was implemented via individual or community septic systems. After the adoption of Resolution 83-13 establishing the Los Osos/Baywood Park Individual and Community Sewage Disposal System Prohibition Area (prohibition area), the Central Coast Water Board regulated some of the larger septic system discharges with waste discharge requirements orders and/or enforcement orders. Following completion of the Los Osos municipal wastewater collection system in March 2017, the 25 residential properties, communities and facilities listed in Attachment A connected to the municipal wastewater system. Once connected to the municipal wastewater system, discharges to septic systems ceased eliminating the need for, or coverage under, the waste discharge requirements orders and enforcement orders for these residential properties, communities and facilities.

Two of the properties listed in Attachment A that have connected to the municipal wastewater system are within the Martin Tract subject to General Waste Discharge Requirements Order 00-12 for Residential On-Site Wastewater Systems within the Bayview Heights and Martin Tract

Areas of Los Osos. These two residences have connected to the sewer because their properties are adjacent to a municipal wastewater collection system sewer line. Although General Order 00-12 will not be terminated at this time because not all properties within these tracts are connected to the community sewer system, the two properties listed in Attachment A are being removed from coverage under General Order 00-12.

Proposed resolution R3-2018-0052 (Attachment B) terminates the waste discharge requirements, or coverage under waste discharge requirements, and enforcement orders associated with residential properties, communities and facilities formally discharging domestic wastewater to septic systems within the prohibition area. Copies of the waste discharge requirement orders and enforcement orders are provided within Attachments C and D for the record.

Municipal wastewater system connection information has been confirmed with the San Luis Obispo County staff. San Luis Obispo County staff indicate that approximately 97% of the 4,582 properties required to connect to the municipal wastewater system have done so to date. The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors amended the county code in September 2018 to clarify the county's comprehensive enforcement program for compelling the remaining non-responsive properties to connect to the collection system. Staff will continue to work with San Luis Obispo County staff to ensure and document the remaining residents connect to the municipal wastewater system.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution R3-2018-0052 for the termination of the 16 individual waste discharge requirements orders, 2 enrollments under General Order 00-12, and 25 enforcement orders listed in Attachment A.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Table 1: Orders and Enrollments Recommended for Termination
- B. Proposed Resolution R3-2018-0052
- C. Waste Discharge Requirements Orders to Terminate (available waterboard website)
- D. Enforcement Orders to Terminate (available waterboard website)