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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 26, 2019

Mr. Thien Ng
Assistant Public Works Director, City of Oxnard
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Dear Mr. Ng,

FINAL AMENDMENT OF WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS (WRRs) AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) (ORDER NO. R4-2011-0079-A03), CITY OF OXNARD GROUNDWATER RECOVERY ENHANCEMENT AND TREATMENT PROGRAM NON-POTABLE REUSE PHASE I PROGRAM (FILE NO. 08-070, CI-9456)

Dear Mr. Ng:

Our letter, dated March 29, 2019, transmitted the Revised Tentative Amendment of WRR and WDRs for the City of Oxnard's Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment Program Non-Potable Reuse Phase 1 Program. In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Water Board held a public hearing on April 11, 2019, reviewed the revised tentative requirements, considered all the factors in the case, and adopted WDR and WRR Order R4-2011-0079-A03.

The completed Order will be sent only to the Discharger. However, these documents are available on the Regional Water Board's website for your review. The Regional Water Board's web address is www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (213) 576-6616 or Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeong-Hee Lim".

Jeong-Hee Lim, P.E. Ph.D.
Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit

Enclosure: Final Amendment

cc:
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ORDER NO. R4-2011-0079-A03
(File No. 08-070)

**WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
CITY OF OXNARD
GROUNDWATER RECOVERY, ENHANCEMENT, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM –
NONPOTABLE REUSE PHASE I PROJECT**

**ISSUED TO
CITY OF OXNARD**

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

1. The Regional Water Board issued Water Recycling Requirements and Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R4-2008-0083 for the City of Oxnard for the Groundwater Recovery, Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program - Nonpotable Reuse Phase I Project. This Order permitted the City of Oxnard to produce and distribute treated recycled water produced at the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) as part of its GREAT Program. The Order No. R4-2008-0083 was adopted by this Regional Water Board on October 2, 2008.
2. In correspondence dated October 27, 2010, the Ventura County Farm Bureau (Farm Bureau) expressed concern regarding the use of recycled water produced at the AWPF on agricultural lands. The Farm Bureau stated that irrigation runoff from growers' operations is regulated by the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Irrigated Lands (Agricultural Waiver Program), not by an NPDES permit, and requested to include the Agricultural Waiver Program as one of the tools to regulate any irrigation runoff in the recycled water use area. To incorporate Farm Bureau's request, the Regional Water Board, on April 14, 2011, adopted Order No. R4-2011-0079 amending Order No. R4-2008-0083.
3. On July 9, 2015, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R4-2011-0079-A01 amending Order No. R4-2011-0079. This amendment permitted the temporary use of the Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline (RSMP) to deliver the recycled water produced by the AWPF to the Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD) growers. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) R4-2008-0083-A01 was also adopted to amend the MRP requirements under the Order No. R4-2008-0083.
4. On April 5, 2017, the City of Oxnard requested that the expiration of the temporary use of the RSMP in Order No. R4-2011-0079-A01 be extended beyond the July 9, 2017 expiration date as the design for the permanent piping from the AWPF to the Pleasant Valley distribution piping was only 90% complete. The amended Order was revised and

Order No. R4-2011-0079-A02 was adopted on June 1, 2017, extending the expiration date of the Order to July 9, 2019.

5. On November 29, 2018 the City again requested that the expiration date be extended, due to uncontrollable delays in construction of the permanent pipeline to the PVCWD growers. More specifically, the City has experienced challenges related to securing easements for the pipeline from private parties. This has resulted in several redesigns for the pipe alignment. In addition, the City anticipates that there could be delays in procurement of piping materials based on recent industry experience. Although all easement issues are not fully resolved, the City is planning to bid the permanent pipeline project in February 2019.
6. The Regional Water Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all testimony pertinent to the matter. All Orders referred to above, the Regional Water Board files and records of hearings and testimony therein are included in the administrative record for this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R4-2011-0079-A02 is hereby amended as follows, additions are underlined, and deletions are stricken through. All other portions of Order R4-2011-0079-A01 and Order No. R4-2011-0079-A02, remain in full force and apply to the discharge.

Revise provision VII.21 as follows: "To maintain the recycled water quality being distributed to the growers of the Oxnard Plain, the temporary use of the RSMP shall expire ~~four years from the adoption of the original amendment or by July 9, 2019~~ on December 31, 2019-2020, unless the WDR is modified at a future Regional Water Board meeting or unless Calleguas Municipal Water District, the owner of the RSMP, requests in writing that the Order be terminated before the expiration date."

I, Renee Purdy, 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, Los Angeles Region on April 11, 2019.


Executive Officer