

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2014-0131

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER  
R5-2003-0169  
FOR  
AMADOR WATER AGENCY  
GAYLA MANOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
AMADOR COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter referred to as "Central Valley Water Board") finds that:

1. On 5 December 2003, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2003-0169 for Amador Water Agency (hereafter Discharger).
2. The CDO was adopted to address ongoing violations of the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs).
3. CDO R5-2003-0169 required the Discharger to complete the following tasks:
  - a. With the exception of Discharge Specifications No. B.11, 12, 13, of WDRs Order No. R5-2003-0182, comply with all aspects of WDRs Order No. R5-2003-0182.
  - b. Comply with Spray Disposal Area Specification D.2 unless the Discharger submits a report justifying how smaller setbacks will still protect water quality and public health, and the Executive Officer approves the report.
  - c. Maintain the freeboard in the effluent storage reservoir to at least one foot.
  - d. Submit a Contingency Plan describing the steps to be taken if the effluent storage reservoir encroaches within one foot of freeboard.
  - e. Submit a workplan for a one-time groundwater sampling event to characterize groundwater quality beneath the WWTF, and determine whether the current wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal system is impacting groundwater.
  - f. Submit the results of the one time groundwater sampling event.
  - g. Submit a report describing an evaluation of the sprayfield below the storage reservoir and the potential for subsurface flow of effluent from the sprayfield to enter the surface watercourse.

- h. Submit a Facility Upgrade Plan containing an evaluation of the collection system, storage, and disposal components of the WWTF, and a proposal for the necessary improvements such that the facility complies with all aspects of this Order, including Discharge Specifications No. B11, B12, and B13, and Spray Disposal Area Specification D.2.
  - i. Submit Quarterly Compliance Status Reports.
4. The Discharger has achieved compliance by completing all of the tasks in CDO R5-2003-0169. The upgraded WWTF is currently being regulated under Order No. 97-10-DWQ-R5064.
5. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind CDO R5-2003-0169 and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity for them to submit their written views and recommendations.
6. Cease and Desist Orders are issued by the Central Valley Water Board to enforce underlying permit obligations. The issuance and rescission of this CDO is therefore exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321(a)(2).
7. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments and evidence pertaining to this matter.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Cease and Desist Order R5-2003-0169 is rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 10 October 2014.

*Original signed by*  
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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer