

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2008-0031

RESCISSION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 85-288
AND
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 97-103
AND
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5-00-036

FOR
HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
MERCED COUNTY

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

1. The Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 85-288 on 23 August 1985, prescribing requirements for the discharge of wastewater from the Hilmar County Water District's (hereafter Discharger) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) one mile southeast of the community of Hilmar.
2. Because of organic and hydraulic overloading of the WWTF, the Regional Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 97-103, which required the Discharger to cease and desist discharging waste contrary to requirements, and included a time schedule for the Discharger to complete necessary modifications to the WWTF.
3. In lieu of modifying the existing wastewater treatment facility, the Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge dated 14 April 1998 and supplemental information in support of replacing its facility with a new WWTF. The Regional Water Board adopted WDRs Order No. 99-077 on 11 June 1999, prescribing requirements for the Discharger's proposed WWTF.
4. Because of difficulties in obtaining funding for the new WWTF, the Discharger requested an extension of the time schedule in CDO No. 97-103. The Regional Water Board adopted Special Order No. 5-00-036 on 17 March 2000, modifying CDO No. 97-103 to require compliance by 30 March 2002.
5. The Discharger has replaced the WWTF in Section 23, T6S, R10E, MDB&M with a new WWTF located three quarters of a mile southeast of the original WWTF, in Sections 24 & 25, T6S, R10E, MDB&M.
6. The Discharger has now completed the required actions of CDO No. 97-103. Final issues were resolved with the Discharger's submittal of additional groundwater monitoring data, a site closure plan, and certification that stockpiled sludge has been removed from the original WWTF.

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7. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15321.
8. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons were notified of the intent to consider rescission of the CDO and provided an opportunity for public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

Any person adversely affected by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the action. The petition must be received by the State Board Office of the Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA, 95812-0100, within 30 days of the date on which the action was taken. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided on request.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 85-288, Cease and Desist Order No. 97-103, and Special Order No. 5-00-036 are 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 14 March 2008.

PAMELA CREEDON, Executive Officer