

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2009-0094

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER No. 93-068  
FOR  
CITY OF PORTOLA  
PORTOLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
PLUMAS COUNTY

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

1. The City of Portola, (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates the Portola Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which discharges up to 0.5 million gallons per day average dry weather flow (mgd) of secondary treated wastewater to the Middle Fork of the Feather River, a water of the United States.
2. Portola had a history of sewage overflows from their collection system in the early 1990's. One overflow in 1993 lasted for approximately three weeks, primarily due to the fact that the North Pump Station could not keep up with Infiltration/Inflow. Discussion with local residents indicated these overflows had occurred in past years with less severe winters.
3. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 93-068, adopted by the Regional Water Board on 21 May 1993, provided a time schedule for the Discharger to comply with upgrades to their collection system, including pump station refurbishment, by 1 February 1995.
4. To comply with the CDO the Discharger established an I/I identification and correction program. In the late 1990's, the Discharger completed three projects to reduce I/I into the system and improve treatment performance. One project, grant funded by the State Water Resources Control Board Small Community Grant Program for \$3.2 million, consisted of manhole replacement and repair, as well as replacement or repair of seven and one half miles of sewer system piping. The second project, funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund (\$875,000) consisted of the rehabilitation of the two lift stations in the sewer system, repair of several major sewer system leaks, and the addition of piping at the facultative ponds that allows rerouting of flow around any single pond. The third project consisted of the repair or replacement of laterals from individual homes, partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant. After system repair, the collection system was not adequately challenged by high rainfall and snowmelt, to gauge its performance, until the winter of 2005/2006, in which the collection system performed adequately.

5. As the Discharger complied with CDO No. 93-068, rescission of CDO No. 93-068 is appropriate.
6. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons were notified of the intent to consider rescission of CDO No. 93-068 and provided an opportunity for public hearing and an opportunity to submit written views and recommendations.
7. 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. All comments and evidence pertaining to this matter were heard and considered in a public meeting.
9. Any person adversely affected by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review this 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 in 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 Cease and Desist Order No. 93-068 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 8 October 2009.

Original signed by Kenneth D. Landau for  
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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