

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2017-0127

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

- a. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2013-0027, adopted on 12 April 2013, prescribes requirements for the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Sierra Conservation Center Water Treatment Plant, which included final effluent limitations for the facility's discharge to Shotgun Creek, a tributary to the Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County. In a letter dated 13 August 2013, the Discharger notified the California Valley Water Board that the discharge of up to 0.35 million gallons per day of the filter backwash water from the facility was being routed through the Discharger's wastewater treatment plant at the Sierra Conservation Center. Since that time, the entire discharge from the water treatment plant to surface water has been permanently terminated by elimination of the flow. On 20 September 2017 the Discharger requested the rescission of WDRs Order R5-2013-0027 because the permit is no longer needed. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order R5-2013-0027.
- b. G & C Meyer Farms, Inc. was issued Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) 98-182, on 11 September 1998 which prescribed requirements for the discharge of subsurface agricultural drainage via tile drains to 80 acres of land (evaporation basin) owned by G & C Meyer Farms, Inc. Due to lowering water levels, the tile-drain system stopped producing the subsurface agricultural drainage in 2010. The Discharger disconnected the pump that provided the subsurface agricultural drainage to the evaporation basin, graded the cells, and planted pistachios, pomegranates, and almonds. All of the lands involved in the discharge under WDRs 98-182 (80 acres of evaporation basin and 508 acres of tile-drained farmlands) have been enrolled in the Kings County Water Quality Coalition under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order 98-182.
- c. Settled filter backwash water and filter rinse water from the Clear Creek Community Service District's (hereinafter Discharger) Water Treatment Plant is regulated pursuant to WDR Order R5-2012-0016 (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0083828), which was adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 30 March 2012. The Discharger has ceased the release of settled filter backwash water and filter rinse water into Clear Creek since 17 April 2015 and no longer operates as described in WDR Order R5-2012-0016. The Discharger submitted a complete hydraulic balance on 11 August 2017, which provided reasonable assurances that a surface water discharge would not occur following a rescission of WDR Order R5-2012-0016. A site inspection was also completed on 25 August 2017 to verify discharge controls that had been implemented; several manual gate valves are in place to prevent future surface water discharges. Future backwash/filter rinse water volumetric storage reductions will be accomplished through the installation of flow-paced controls in the fall of 2017, thus providing assurance that surface water discharges will not occur and finalizing the permanent backwash recycle system. Therefore, WDR Order R5-2012-0016 is no longer necessary.
- d. Waste Discharge Requirements Order 99-140, adopted on 29 October 1999, prescribes requirements for the discharge from Grizzly Creek Ranch, Plumas County (Facility). The Facility is comprised of septic tanks, wastewater collection lines, two sand filters, a recirculation tank and two disposal ponds. The Facility is now regulated under Water Quality Order 2014-0153-DWQ (General Order) for discharges to land from small domestic systems with a maximum average daily flow of 100,000 gallons or less. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order 99-140.

"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Orders are rescinded on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above."

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 December 8, 2017

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer