

**24/25 APRIL 2025 BOARD MEETING  
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

**SUBJECT:**

Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Orders.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Adopt the Orders.

**BOARD MEETING LOCATION:**

Central Valley Water Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

***AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE***

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

**ORDER R5-2025-XXXX**

**RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

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Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown: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) BALLANTYNE HOLDINGS, LLC, FORMER MARLEY COOLING TOWER  
COMPANY, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2019-0018 (NPDES Permit CA0081787) adopted on 8 February 2019 prescribed requirements for the Former Marley Cooling Tower Company (Facility) in San Joaquin County. Order R5-2019-0018 authorized discharge of treated groundwater and storm water from the Facility to the Stockton Diverting Canal, tributary to the Calaveras River. On 31 March 2023, Ballantyne Holdings, LLC (Discharger) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with its existing individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Based on the Report of Waste Discharge and subsequent information submitted by the Discharger, staff determined that the Facility is eligible for coverage under the General Order R5-2022-0006-03 for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (Limited Threat General Order). A Notice of Applicability (R5-2022-0006-035) was issued by the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer with an effective date of **1 April 2025**. Since regulatory coverage for the discharge of limited threat wastewater to waters of the United States will be provided under the Limited Threat General Order, Order R5-2019-0018 is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Order R5-2019-0018.

**B) CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION,  
DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2019-0047 (NPDES Permit CA0078093) adopted on 7 June 2019 prescribed requirements for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Discharger) Deuel Vocational Institution (Facility) in San Joaquin County. Order R5-2019-0047 authorized discharge of up to 0.62 million gallons per day of disinfected, tertiary treated wastewater from the Facility's onsite wastewater treatment plant to Deuel Drain, a water of the United States and tributary of the San Joaquin River via Paradise Cut within the Delta.

In August 2021, the Discharger initiated a warm shutdown of the Facility, at which point no inmates or staff were housed at the site, all support activities had ceased, and no further municipal water was conveyed, treated, or discharged. The Facility currently has no plans to re-open. The Discharger continues to maintain the wastewater treatment plant components that are no longer in use and flush the sewer system once per month with potable effluent from the onsite drinking water treatment system. In addition to the flushing stream, other influent flows include basement drainage, groundwater inflow and

infiltration, and rainwater runoff. To accommodate for variable flow and variable water quality, treated effluent is stored in the clay-lined facultative ponds for disposal and may be discharged to the Deuel Drain if needed when the ponds are at capacity.

The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the new discharge in June 2021. Based on the ROWD and subsequent information submitted by the Discharger, staff determined that the Facility is eligible for coverage under the *General Order R5-2022-0006-03 for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A Notice of Applicability (R5-2022-0006-036) was issued by the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer with an effective date of 1 March 2025. Since regulatory coverage for the discharge of treated wastewater to surface water will be provided under the Limited Threat General Order, Order R5-2019-0047 is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Order R5-2019-0047.

**C) COUNTY OF TULARE, TOOLEVILLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 88-139, TULARE COUNTY**

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 88-139 was adopted on 2 August 1988 and prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the County of Tulare (Discharger), Tooleville Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility (Facility). The Facility consists of a headworks and two facultative lagoons that discharge to two evaporation/percolation ponds for disposal. WDRs Order 88-139 authorizes the discharge of up to 35,000 gallons per day (as a 30-day average) of domestic wastewater to the disposal ponds.

On 18 October 2023, Central Valley Water Board staff sent a 13260 letter to the discharger requesting the submittal of several updated Reports of Waste Discharge (RWDs) for multiple regulated facilities, including the Facility. On 1 October 2024, the Discharger submitted a RWD seeking coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order) for the Facility. The RWD indicates that flow observed at the Facility is like that authorized by Order 88-139, and less than 100,000 gallons per day. Therefore, the Facility is eligible for coverage under the General Order. On 14 January 2025, Notice of Applicability 2014-0153-DWQ-R5419 was issued to the Discharger and will enroll the Facility under the General Order upon rescission of Order 88-139. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 88-139.

**D) COUNTY OF TULARE, TRAVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 88-098, TULARE COUNTY**

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 88-098 was adopted on 24 June 1988 and prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the County of Tulare's (Discharger's) Traver Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility (Facility). The Facility consists of a headworks, and two facultative lagoons that discharge to two evaporation/percolation ponds for disposal. WDRs Order 88-098 authorizes the discharge of 89,000 gallons of domestic wastewater to the disposal ponds per day.

On 18 October 2023, Central Valley Water Board staff sent a 13260 letter to the Discharger requesting the submittal of several updated Reports of Waste Discharge (RWDs), including for the Facility. On 1 October 2024, the Discharger submitted a RWD seeking coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order) for the Facility. The RWD indicates that flow observed at the Facility is like that authorized by Order 88-098 and less than 100,000 gallons per day. Therefore, the Facility is eligible for coverage under the General Order. On 26 February 2025, Notice of Applicability 2014-0153-DWQ-R5418 was issued to the Discharger and will enroll the Facility under the General Order upon rescission of WDRs Order 88-098. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 88-098.

**E) THE WINE GROUP LLC, GOLDEN STATE VINTNERS D.B.A. FRANZIA  
MCFARLAND WINERY, KERN COUNTY**

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2015-0086, adopted on 5 June 2015, prescribes requirements for the discharge from The Wine Group, LLC (The Wine Group) Golden State Vintners d.b.a. Franzia McFarland Winery (Winery) in Kern County. WDRs Order No. R5-2015-0086 was issued to The Wine Group for the discharge of up to 275,000 gallons per day of winery process wastewater to land.

In September 2024, representatives of The Wine Group informed Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff that the Winery had been sold and would not remain operational. The Wine Group submitted a *Monitoring Well Network Destruction Work Plan* (Work Plan) dated 16 October 2024 that included plans to destroy the Winery's groundwater monitoring wells and decommission the wastewater storage sump. Central Valley Water Board staff concurred with the proposed Work Plan in a letter on 22 October 2024. The Wine Group submitted a *Monitoring Well Network Destruction Report* (Report) dated 10 December 2024 that documents destruction of the monitoring wells and the decommissioning of the sump. Subsequently, additional photos documenting the Work Plan activities were received by Central Valley Water Board staff on 16 December 2024. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the Report and additional photos and sent a 23 December 2024 letter indicating that all the tasks in the Work Plan had been completed, and a Recission Order would be prepared for consideration at a future board meeting. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order R5-2015-0086.

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

I, PATRICK PULUPA, 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 25 April 2025.

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**PATRICK PULUPA**, Executive Officer