

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

ORDER NO. R9-2020-0134

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 93-12, WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION, PUERTA LA CRUZ CONSERVATION CAMP, SAN DIEGO
COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter San Diego Water Board) finds that:

1. Order No. 93-12, *Waste Discharge Requirements for State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp, San Diego County* (Order No. 93-12), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), which consists of two series of septic tanks with five tanks in each series. The effluent from the septic tanks or system flows to one of three percolation ponds depending on the capacity of each at the time of operation. Domestic wastewater from the Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp OWTS (Puerta La Cruz OWTS) is collected from inmate and staff housing at the Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp. The Puerta La Cruz Conservation Camp is located at 32363 Highway 79 in Warner Springs. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 93-12 on February 1, 1993.
2. Order No. 93-12 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current State policy and requirements. Discharges from small package treatment plants and OWTS such as described above have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques and flow ranges, and they require the same or similar treatment standards. The State Water Resources Control Board issued Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order) to regulate these types of discharges consistently throughout the State.
3. The discharge from the Puerta La Cruz OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information provided in monitoring reports and information obtained during an inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on April 3, 2019. As such, the discharge from the Puerta La Cruz OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs).
4. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Puerta La Cruz OWTS for enrollment in the General Order prior to the board meeting on September 9, 2020. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.

5. Adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0134 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that rescission of the WDRs for the Puerta La Cruz OWTS may have a significant effect on the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA. In addition, adoption of this Order is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions at title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects). Finally, activities at the Puerta La Cruz OWTS will be covered under the General Order which was adopted in compliance with CEQA.
6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0134 in a public meeting.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2020-0134 is adopted.

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on September 9, 2020.

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer