CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

ORDER NO. R9-2021-0009

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. R9-2005-0258, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SKYLINE RANCH COUNTRY CLUB WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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

- 1. Order No. R9-2005-0258, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Skyline Ranch Country Club Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Diego County (Order No. R9-2005-0258), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The OWTS consists of two membrane bioreactor (MBR) treatment trains that operate in parallel, a flow equalization tank, two screens, two pre-aeration tanks, a chlorine contact basin, two storage ponds, a holding tank for solids, and a disposal spray field. Domestic wastewater is collected from restrooms that are used by country club visitors. The Skyline Ranch Country Club is located at 18218 Paradise Mountain Road, Valley Center, California. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2005-0258 on November 9, 2005.
- Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2005-0258, An Addendum Prescribing Requirements for the Discharge and Use of Recycled Water for Landscape Irrigation at Skyline Ranch Country Club, San Diego County (Addendum No. 1), modified Order No. R9-2005-0258 by establishing supplemental waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the Skyline Ranch Country Club Wastewater Treatment Plant. The San Diego Water Board adopted Addendum No. 1 on December 10, 2008.
- 3. Order No. R9-2005-0258 and Addendum No. 1 must be replaced to ensure that the discharges are regulated consistent with current state policy and requirements. Discharges from small package treatment plants and OWTS such as these 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. Enrollment of the Skyline Ranch Country Club OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2005-0258, as amended by Addendum No. 1.

- 4. The discharge from the Skyline Ranch Country Club OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on May 14, 2018. As such, the discharge from the Skyline Ranch Country Club is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual WDRs.
- 5. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Skyline Ranch Country Club LLC for enrollment in the General Order prior to the March 10, 2021, board meeting. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.
- 6. Adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0009 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. R9-2005-0258 and Addendum No. 1 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. R9-2005-0258, as amended by Addendum No. 1, are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0009 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects).

The State Water Resources Control Board considered the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the General Order, and prepared an Initial Study in accordance with title 14, section 15063. Analysis in the Initial Study and early consultation with responsible and trustee agencies did not identify any significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration was prepared. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Negative Declaration on September 23, 2014, through Resolution No. 2014-0054, California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems. The General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2005-0258, as amended by Addendum No. 1.

7. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0009 in a **March 10, 2021,** public meeting.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2005-0258 and addenda are rescinded.

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 March 10, 2021.

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer