

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT**

June 12, 2019

**ITEM NO. 4**

**SUBJECT**

Consideration of Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2012-0054, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the San Diego County Sanitation District, Harmony Grove Water Reclamation Plant, San Diego County*. (Brandon Bushnell).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2012-0054 (Tentative Addendum No. 1, **Supporting Document 1**) is recommended.

**KEY ISSUES**

Tentative Addendum No. 1, if adopted, will amend Order No. R9-2012-0054 to transfer ownership of the Harmony Grove Water Reclamation Plant (Facility) from the San Diego County Sanitation District (County of San Diego) to Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (RDMWD).

**PRACTICAL VISION**

Tentative Addendum No. 1 is consistent with the Strategy for Achieving a Sustainable Local Water Supply chapter of the Practical Vision.<sup>1</sup> Collaborating with the County of San Diego and RDMWD demonstrates the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region's (San Diego Water Board) commitment to encouraging recycled water production by keeping the Order No. R9-2012-0054 up-to-date and allowing the new responsible party to operate the Facility.

**DISCUSSION**

Tentative Addendum No. 1 will transfer ownership of the Facility and responsibility to meet the requirements of Order No. R9-2012-0054 (Order) to RDMWD. The Order establishes waste discharge requirements for the discharge of tertiary treated recycled water produced at the Facility. The Facility is located on the corner of Harmony Grove Road and Country Club Drive (**Supporting Document 2**). The Facility was originally owned and operated by the County of San Diego. The distribution system is owned by RDMWD and is operating under San Diego Water Board Order No. R9-2012-0055, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District, San Diego County*. In March of 2019, the County of San Diego and RDMWD informed the San Diego Water Board that ownership and operation of the Facility would transfer to RDMWD on June 1, 2019 (**Supporting Document 3**). Subsequently, Mr. Greg Thomas, General Manager of RDMWD requested the Tentative Addendum reflect an ownership transfer date of June 3, 2019. RDMWD will be responsible for compliance with the Order upon adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 1.

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<sup>1</sup> Practical Vision: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/practical\\_vision/docs/PV-WQCC\\_Version.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/docs/PV-WQCC_Version.pdf)

## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The significant changes to the Order from Tentative Addendum No. 1 are:

1. The adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 1 to the Order will remove the County of San Diego as the discharger from the Order.
2. The adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 1 to the Order will name RDMWD as the discharger and RDMWD will be responsible for compliance with the Order.

## **COMPLIANCE RECORD**

1. No violations of the Order occurred during the County of San Diego's ownership and operation of the Facility.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notification of this action was sent to known interested parties by mail on April 16, 2019 (**Supporting Document No. 4 and 5**). Tentative Addendum No. 1 was posted on the San Diego Water Board website on April 16, 2019. Two comments were received from Mr. Thomas. San Diego Water board staff reviewed Mr. Thomas' comments and changes were made to Tentative Addendum No. 1 to address the concerns. (**Supporting Document 6**). These actions satisfy the public notification requirements of Water Code, division 7, section 13167.5 for a 30-day notice and public comment period.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2012-0054
2. Location Map
3. Change in Ownership Letter
4. Transmittals of Tentative Addendum No. 1 to Order No. R9-2012-0054
5. Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period
6. Response to Comment