

**TENTATIVE ADDENDUM NO. 5 TO ORDER NO. 97-52,
WASTE DISCHARGE AND RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY ORANGE COUNTY**

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

1. On October 15, 1997 the San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 97-52, *Waste Discharge and Recycling Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority, Orange County* (Order No. 97-52).
2. Order No. 97-52 establishes recycled water requirements for the following member agencies of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority: City of San Juan Capistrano, El Toro Water District (ETWD), Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, South Coast Water District, and Trabuco Canyon Water District.
3. Order No. 97-52 has been amended four previous times to change the discharge specifications, consolidate water districts, update the title of the agency to South Orange County Water Authority, and to approve an urban runoff diversion located in the Horno Basin.
4. Recycled water service areas of the IRWD and ETWD are located within the jurisdictions of both the San Diego Water Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board).
5. In a letter dated July 22, 2016, the San Diego Water Board notified the IRWD that the Santa Ana Water Board would be designated as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating treatment, use, and distribution of recycled water from the IRWD's Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs).
6. In a letter dated May 5, 2017, the San Diego Water Board notified the ETWD that the Santa Ana Water Board would be designated as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating treatment, use, and distribution of recycled water from the ETWD's WRP.
7. In a letter dated February 20, 2019, to the San Diego Water Board, SOCWA requested an amendment to Order No. 97-52, removing member agencies ETWD and IRWD from Order No.97-52.
8. Recycled water produced at the IRWD and ETWD WRPs are regulated by Santa Ana Water Board under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order Nos. R8-2015-0024 and R8-2015-0023, respectively.

9. The project consists of amending Order No. 97-52 to remove member agencies IRWD and ETWD. This action will consolidate the regulation of recycled water discharges for the IRWD and ETWD to the Santa Ana Water Board. Pursuant to the title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15301, the project is exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act because adoption of Addendum No. 5 to Order No. 97-52 will not involve expansion or modification of the existing facilities. Adoption of Addendum No. 5 to Order No. 97-52 will not have any significant impacts on the environment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Order No. 97-52 is amended to remove Irvine Ranch Water District as a South Orange County Reclamation Authority associate member agency. Irvine Ranch Water District is no longer required to comply with Order No. 97-52.
2. Order No. 97-52 is amended to remove El Toro Water District as a South Orange County Reclamation Authority associate member agency. El Toro Water District is no longer required to comply with Order No. 97-52.

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 May 8, 2019.

TENTATIVE

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer