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Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0133
August 12, 2020
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter San Diego Water Board) finds that:

1. Order No. 93-69, Oak Crest Estates, Inc. and Rainbow Municipal Water District, Oak Crest Treatment Plant, San Diego County (Order No. 93-69), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the Oak Crest Treatment Plant, which consists of an activated sludge treatment plant, treated effluent storage basin, and spray field. Domestic wastewater from the Oak Crest Treatment Plant is collected from 105 mobile home units. The Oak Crest Treatment Plant is located at 4747 Oak Crest Road in Fallbrook. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 93-69 on September 20, 1993.

2. Order No. 95-84, Waste Discharge Requirements for Mr. Charles Knapp, Tucalota Springs R.V. Park, Riverside County (Order No. 95-84), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), which consists of four septic tanks and two leach fields. Domestic wastewater from the Tucalota Springs R.V. Park OWTS is collected from 80 recreational vehicle (RV) spaces, a store, an office building, an RV dump station, and a bathroom with showers. The Tucalota Springs R.V. Park OWTS is located at 41601 Benton Road in Hemet. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 95-84 on June 8, 1995.

3. Orders Nos. 93-69 and 95-84 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, 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.

4. The discharge from the Oak Crest Treatment Plant is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information provided in monitoring reports and the January 30, 2020, report of waste discharge submitted to the San Diego Water Board. Enrollment eligibility was also determined based on information obtained during an inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on February 14, 2019. As such, the discharge from the Oak Crest Treatment Plant is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs).
5. The discharge from the Tucalota Springs R.V. Park OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information provided in monitoring reports and information obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on January 20, 2020. As such, the discharge from the Tucalota Springs R.V. Park OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual WDRs.

6. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) separately to the Oak Crest Treatment Plant and the Tucalota Spring R.V. Park OTWS for enrollment in the General Order prior to the board meeting on August 12, 2020. Each NOA’s effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.

7. Adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0133 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 WDRs for the Oak Crest Treatment Plant and the Tucalota Spring R.V. Park 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), section 15302 (replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems), and section 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures). Finally, activities at the Oak Crest Treatment Plant and the Tucalota Springs R.V. Park OWTS will be covered under the General Order which was adopted in compliance with CEQA.

8. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0133 in a public meeting.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2020-0133 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 August 12, 2020.