SUBJECT


STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137 is recommended.

KEY ISSUES

Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137 (Supporting Document 1), if adopted, rescinds Order No. 94-150, Waste Discharge Requirements for Pauma Valley Investment Trust, Rancho Corrido Trailer Park, San Diego County and Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 94-150, An Addendum transferring responsibility for Order No. 94-150 to Mr. Eggleston (collectively Order No. 94-150). The onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) at the Rancho Corrido Recreational Vehicle Park (Facility), owned and operated by the Mr. Kim Eggleston (Discharger), will be regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ General Waste Discharge Requirement for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (General Order).^1

PRACTICAL VISION

Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137 is consistent with the Strategizing for Healthy Waters chapter of the Practical Vision.^2 Utilizing statewide general permits helps the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources on larger projects and facilities within the region that pose a greater threat to water quality. Additionally, enrolling dischargers in the General Order maintains consistent regulation of small domestic wastewater systems throughout the State.


DISCUSSION

The Facility is located at 14715 Highway 76, Pauma Valley in San Diego County (Supporting Document 2). San Diego Water Board staff conducted an inspection of the Facility and did not observe any violations of the requirements included in Order No. 94-150.

San Diego Water Board staff reviewed the Discharger’s Report of Waste Discharge for enrollment of the Facility in the General Order and the requirements specified in Order No. 94-150 and determined the OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order. Furthermore, Order No. 94-150 is outdated and is not as protective of water quality as the requirements specified in the General Order. Implementation of the General Order provides a more appropriate, consistent, and streamlined statewide approach to regulating small domestic wastewater treatment systems. Discharges from small domestic wastewater treatment systems have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, flow ranges, and require the same or similar treatment standards. While the Discharger may request to be regulated under individual waste discharge requirements, the Facility’s enrollment in the General Order allows the San Diego Water Board to effectively and efficiently regulate discharges from small domestic wastewater treatment systems, while prioritizing the agency's limited resources.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The significant differences between the General Order and Order No. 94-150 are:

1. Order No. 94-150 includes individual Waste Discharge Requirements for the Facility and the General Order is an order that regulates small domestic wastewater facilities statewide.

2. The monitoring required by the General Order is less stringent than the monitoring included in Order No. 94-150, however the monitoring and reporting program required by the General Order is more appropriate and consistent with facilities of similar size and discharge across the State.

COMPLIANCE RECORD

A total of 6 staff enforcement letters have been issued to the Facility for the following violations of Order No. 94-150:

- Late submittal of Annual Monitoring Reports from 1997 to 1999.
- Failure to include the required effluent analysis in the 2001 Annual Monitoring Report.
- Failure to notify the San Diego Water Board of the Discharger’s intent to increase the number of sewer lines by more than 25 percent from the original number of permitted spaces in 2016.
• Failure to perform the required monitoring from 2011 to 2016.
• Failure to conduct the required total nitrogen effluent monitoring in 2016.

Since the issuance of the July 24, 2017 Staff Enforcement Letter, there have been no violations of Order No. 94-150.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification of this action was sent to the Discharger and known interested parties by mail on May 22, 2020 (Supporting Documents 3 and 4). Additionally, Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137 was posted on the San Diego Water Board website on May 21, 2020. No comments were received during the public comment period. These actions satisfy the 30-day public notification and comment period requirements of Water Code, division 7, section 13167.5.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137
2. Vicinity and Facility Map
3. Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0137 Transmittal Letter
4. Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period