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**Supporting Document 1**

**Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0179**

**December 8, 2020**

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

**TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2020-0179**

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. R9-2004-0409, WASTE DISCHARGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RAMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
HANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

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

1. Order No. R9-2004-0409, *Waste Discharge Requirements for The Ramona Unified School District, Hanson Elementary School, San Diego County* (Order No. R9-2004-0409), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The OWTS consists of one 2,000-gallon grease trap, one 12,000-gallon primary settling tank, four P80 Pirana denitrification units, two AX100 packed bed trickling filters, one 5,000-gallon recirculation tank, one 5,000-gallon dosing tank, and a subsurface drip disposal system. The Hanson Elementary School has five separate leach fields that are alternated for disposal. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2004-0409 on December 8, 2004. The Hanson Elementary School is located at 2520 Boundary Avenue, Ramona, California.
2. Order No. R9-2004-0409 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 Hanson Elementary School OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. R9-2004-0409.
3. The discharge from the Hanson Elementary School 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 February 7, 2020. As such, the discharge from the Hanson Elementary School is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements.
4. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Hanson Elementary School OWTS for enrollment in the General Order prior to

the December 8, 2020, board meeting. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.

5. Adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0179 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14 (title 14), section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that rescission of the WDR for the Hanson Elementary School 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). Finally, activities at the Hanson Elementary School OWTS will be covered under the General Order which was adopted in compliance with CEQA and is at least as protective of water quality as Order No. R9-2004-0409.
6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0179 in a **December 8, 2020** public meeting.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Order No. R9-2004-0409 is 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 December 8, 2020.*

**TENTATIVE**

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David W. Gibson, Executive Officer