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Tentative Order No. R9-2020-0187

October 14, 2020

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

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2020-0187

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 94-131, WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR SHILOAH SPRINGS BIBLE RETREAT, INC.,
INDIAN HILLS CAMP, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

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

1. Order No. 94-131, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Shiloah Springs Bible Retreat, Inc., Indian Hills Camp, San Diego County* (Order No. 94-131), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), which consists of two septic tanks and leach fields. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 94-131 on October 13, 1994. Domestic wastewater from the Indian Hills Camp OWTS is collected from five recreational vehicle (RV) spaces, two residences, an office, and a restroom with showers. The Indian Hills Camp OWTS is located at 15763 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, California.
2. Order No. 94-131 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current State policy and requirements. Discharges from small package treatment plants and OWTS 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. Enrollment of the Indian Hills Camp OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 94-131.
3. The discharge from the Indian Hills Camp 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 February 19, 2020. As such, the discharge from the Indian Hills Camp OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs).
4. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the Indian Hills Camp OWTS for enrollment in the General Order prior to the board meeting on October 14, 2020. 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. R9-2020-0135 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 210000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, (title 14) sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order 94-131 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. 94-131 are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0187 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions at title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects).

The State Water Resources Control Board considered the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the General Order, and prepared an Initial Study in accordance with title 14, section 15063. Analysis in the Initial Study and early consultation with responsible and trustee agencies did not identify any significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration was prepared. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Negative Declaration on September 23, 2014, through Resolution No. 2014-0054, California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems.

6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2020-0187 in a public meeting.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R9-2020-0187 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 October 14, 2020.

TENTATIVE

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer