

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

**TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2023-0042**

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 93-47,  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY OF ORANGE, JOPLIN  
YOUTH CENTER, ORANGE COUNTY**

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

1. Order No. 93-47, *Waste Discharge Requirements for County of Orange, Joplin Youth Center, Orange County* (Order No. 93-47), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The Joplin Youth Center OWTS consists of a package wastewater treatment plant consisting of an equalization tank, two sequencing batch reactors, and a percolation pond with a backup spray field for disposal. The Joplin Youth Center OWTS is located at 19480 Rose Canyon Rd, Trabuco Canyon in the County of Orange. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 93-47 on June 21, 1993.
2. Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 93-47, *An Addendum Modifying the Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of Orange, General Service Agency, Joplin Youth Center, Orange County*, established new requirements for the discharge of waste from the facility's package wastewater treatment plant in compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin. Additionally, since this facility was pre-existing, it was exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, in accordance with the California Code of Regulations. The San Diego Water Board adopted Addendum No. 1 to Order No 93-47 on March 14, 1996.
3. Order No. 93-47 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 such as these have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, and flow ranges, and 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 Joplin Youth Center OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 93-47, as amended.
4. The discharge from the Joplin Youth Center OWTS is less than 100,000 gallons per day and is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information submitted in monitoring reports and obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on December 6, 2022. As such, the

discharge from the Joplin Youth Center OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements.

5. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to Orange County Public Works, for enrollment of the Joplin Youth Center OWTS in the General Order prior to the board meeting on December 13, 2023. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.
6. Adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0042 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. 93-47, as amended will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. 93-47, as amended are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0042 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects) and consistent with Finding 32 of the General Order.

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. The General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 93-47, as amended.

7. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0042 in a public meeting on December 13, 2023.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Order No. 93-47, as amended, is rescinded. This action in no way prevents the San Diego Water Board from taking enforcement action for past violations of Order No. 93-47, as amended.

*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 13, 2023.*

**TENTATIVE**

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer