

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2017-0055

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

a. City of Williams, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Colusa County

Consideration of Time Schedule Order Rescission (NPDES Permit No. CA0077933) The City of Williams (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 700 B Street, Williams, CA. The Facility provides sewerage service for the city of Williams, serving a population of approximately 5,100. Discharge from the Facility is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2014-0078 and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2014-0079 adopted on 6 June 2014. The Discharger projected that it would be unable to comply with the final nitrate plus nitrite average monthly effluent limit effluent limitation in WDRs Order R5-2014-0078. Therefore, as requested by the Discharger, TSO R5-2014-0079 contained a compliance schedule to achieve the final effluent limitation by 1 June 2019. On 22 August 2016 in a technical report submitted by the Discharger, monitoring data was provided supporting the fact that operational adjustments had achieved compliance with the nitrate plus nitrite final effluent limits specified in Order R5-2014-0078. The Discharger is in full compliance with final effluent limitation for nitrate plus nitrite contained in its current WDRs; therefore, it is appropriate to rescind TSO R5 2014 0079. A Notice of Public Hearing was sent to the Discharger on 1 February 2017 for a 30-day comment period closing on 3 March 2017. No comments were received.

Factual Correction – Additional Facility Operational Changes. Central Valley Water Board staff determined a factual error was made regarding the implementation of additional operational changes specified in the Discharger's technical report regarding improving nitrification and denitrification processes. The tentative Rescission referenced the Discharger electing to implement additional operational changes specified in the technical report; however, the Discharger did not pursue these changes because monitoring data indicated that they were able to consistently comply with their nitrate plus nitrite final effluent limits with their initial operational change. Central Valley Water Board staff corrected the error in the proposed TSO Rescission.

b. Cutler Orosi

Time Schedule Order R5-2013-0048-01, adopted on 31 May 2013 and amended on 17 April 2015, grants Cutler-Orosi Joint Powers Wastewater Authority (Authority) a time schedule to come into compliance with the final copper effluent limitations included in Order R5-2013-0047-01 for the Authority's wastewater treatment facility (Facility). The Authority submitted the final results of a water effect ratio (WER) study for copper on 2 July 2014. Order R5-2013-0047 was amended on 17 April 2015 (Order R5-2015-0049) to relax the final copper effluent limitations based on the calculated site-specific WER. The Authority has indicated that the Facility's discharge can comply with the revised final copper effluent limitations. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Time Schedule Order R5-2013-0048 and amendment Order R5-2015-0049.

c. Southern California Edison Company

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2012-0048 (NPDES No. CA0079545), adopted on 8 June 2012, prescribes requirements for Southern California Edison Company's (Discharger) Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1, Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) in Fresno County. Time Schedule Order R5-2012-0049 was also adopted on 8 June 2012 to provide the Discharger a schedule to come into compliance with limitations contained in Order R5-2012-0048 for the discharge of copper, lead, zinc, and nitrite plus nitrate into Big Creek, a water of the United States. The Discharger's primary method of compliance with the new effluent limitations was to construct new land disposal features (leachfield and spray fields) to dispose the treated wastewater solely to land, thereby eliminating the need to discharge to Big Creek. On 6 July 2015, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability to the Discharger, enrolling the upgraded Facility under General Order 2014-0153-DWQ-R5187. Therefore, the NPDES permit and Time Schedule Order are no longer necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Orders are rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, 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, Central Valley Region, on April 7, 2017.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer