

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

**ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045-A01**

**AMENDING CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL LANDS  
WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES REGION**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) finds:

1. The Los Angeles Water Board adopted a Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Agricultural Lands within the Los Angeles Region (Conditional Waiver), Order No. R4-2021-0045, on April 8, 2021. Order No. R4-2021-0045 currently expires on April 14, 2022.
2. The Conditional Waiver contains conditions to ensure that discharges from irrigated agricultural lands do not degrade water quality or impair beneficial uses of waters of the state within the Los Angeles Region. The Conditional Waiver requires dischargers to enroll irrigated agricultural property under the waiver to continue discharging waste to waters of the state.
3. On February 7, 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted Order WQ 2018-0002 (East San Joaquin Order), which modified the Central Valley Water Board's Order No. R5-2012-0116 for irrigated agricultural discharges in the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed. Several elements of the East San Joaquin Order were identified by the State Water Board as being precedential for all irrigated lands regulatory programs throughout the state and these elements must be incorporated into orders for discharges from irrigated agricultural lands within five years of the adoption of the East San Joaquin Order.
4. Los Angeles Water Board staff is currently developing tentative general waste discharge requirements instead of a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements. To allow for sufficient time to incorporate the East San Joaquin Order precedential requirements, engage in consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area covered by the Conditional Waiver, if requested, and hold meetings with environmental organizations, discharger groups, and other stakeholders to discuss potential changes before bringing tentative general waste discharge requirements to the Los Angeles Water Board, the Los Angeles Water Board staff recommended an amendment to Order No. R4-2021-0045 by extending the expiration date from April 14, 2022 to December 31, 2022.
5. This amendment revises Order No. R4-2021-0045 based on the Los Angeles Water Board staff's recommendation.
6. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified interested persons of its intent to amend Order No. R4-2021-0045. The Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertinent to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R4-2021-0045, adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on April 8, 2021, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Order Header
  - Change “ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045” to “ORDER NO. R4-2021-0045-A01”.
2. Order Finding 1, page 1
  - Change “This Order renews Order No. R4-2016-0143 for one year to April 14, 2022” to “Order No. R4-2021-0045, adopted by the Regional Water Board on April 8, 2021, renewed Order No. R4-2016-0143 until April 14, 2022. On April 14, 2022, the Regional Water Board amended Order No. R4-2021-0045 extending the Order to December 31, 2022.”
  - Change “...before bringing a new tentative Order to the Board by April 14, 2022” to “...before bringing new tentative general waste discharge requirements to the Board by December 31, 2022”.
3. Order Finding 67, page 16
  - Change “...and has an expiration date of April 14, 2022,...” to “...and has an expiration date of December 31, 2022,...”
4. Order Finding 68, page 16
  - Change “... in a public meeting on April 8, 2021, ...” to “... in a public meeting on April 14, 2022, ...”
5. Order Section F.6, page 26
  - Change “This Order and Conditional Waiver shall become effective on April 8, 2021 and expire on April 14, 2022,...” to “This Order and Conditional Waiver shall become effective on April 8, 2021 and expire on December 31, 2022,...”
6. Order Certification, page 27
  - Change “...the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on April 8, 2021” to “...the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on April 8, 2021 and amended on April 14, 2022.”

I, Renee Purdy, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on April 14, 2022.

Renee Purdy  
Executive Officer