
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ADOPTED RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, GARDNER RANCH – THE 2270 RANCH, NAMCO CAPITOL GROUP, KERN COUNTY

Enclosed is the Adopted Order No. R6V-2015-0031 which was adopted at the Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting held in Bishop, California on June 10, 2015.

Sincerely,



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**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION**

**BOARD ORDER NO. R6V-2015-0031
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**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
BOARD ORDER NO. 6-95-60**

FOR

GARDNER RANCH, THE 2270 RANCH, NAMCO CAPITAL GROUP

_____ Kern County _____

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

1. **Discharger:** Board Order No 6-95-60 was adopted on June 8, 1995, establishing waste requirements for the discharge of digested sewage biosolids (sludge) for use as a soil amendment at the 2270 Ranch (Facility). NAMCO Capital Group (landowner) and Mr. Slick Gardner (operator) are referred to as Dischargers. The Dischargers stopped applying biosolids in 2005, went out of business, and at the same time stopped submitting self-monitoring reports and annual fees. The Dischargers cannot be located. The Order is no longer necessary and should be rescinded.
2. **Reason for Action:** The Order is no longer necessary and should be rescinded because the Dischargers stopped applying biosolids in 2005 and the Facility no longer poses a threat to water quality. Biosolids were applied to the ground in rows, spread with a scraper and incorporated into the soil by disking to eliminate odors for use as a soil amendment to irrigated farmland. The Dischargers went out of business in about 2005 and stopped submitting self-monitoring reports and annual fees.
3. **Current Facility Conditions:** On February 4, 2015, staff inspected the Facility and determined no biosolids application or irrigated farming currently occurs at the Facility. Staff accessed the United States Geological Survey database and determined the depth to groundwater at the Facility is about 250 feet below ground surface¹. The site is now owned by the City of Los Angeles², which has no plans to continue applying biosolids. This action is being taken to rescind Board Order No. 6-95-60 because the Facility no longer poses a threat to water quality, no further biosolids application will occur and property ownership has changed.
4. **CEQA:** Rescission of Board Order No. 6-95-60 is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321(a)(2).

¹ <http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/gwlevels>

² <https://pqweb.parcelquest.com/#login>

5. Notification: It is in the public interest to rescind Board Order No. 6-95-60 for the reasons described above. The Water Board has notified the current land owners and interested persons and agencies of its intent to rescind the above WDRs.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Board Order No. 6-95-60, be rescinded.

I, Patty Z. Kouyoumdijan, 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, Lahontan Region on June 10, 2015.



PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDIJAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER