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**Comment on Tentative Order No. RS-2014-0001, An Order  
Rescinding Order No.  
RS-2009-0147  
Reference : 732361:ACali**

The San Diego Regional Board mission statement is developing and enforcing water quality objectives and implementing plans that will best protect the area's waters while recognizing our local differences in climate, topography, geology and hydrology.

Order No. RS-2009-0147 was issued to Rite Time pharmaceuticals in good faith by the regional board after extensive work by our consultants, ostensibly with financial burden of about \$60,000.00.

The permit was issued based on the requirements by the Riverside County Environmental health department part of the conditions of approval to get a building permit to build a strip center in the un incorporated town of Anza, CA.

During the process of plot plan approval, department of environmental health of the Riverside county per conditions of approval requirements is to secure a discharge permit from the San Diego regional water board, then forward this information to the Riverside county environmental health department, which then will then work with the other departments,( Fire, building, planning etc) for plan checks

This process of obtaining the building permit have been a nightmare with the Riverside county due to various conditions that have to be met at the county various department, even the, meanwhile we receive discharge permit from the San diego regional board and we are being assessed fees for discharge, and we have done any discharge not even permit to build the project yet from the county, still a dirt raw land.

I contacted the regional board about the discharge permit fees, that i have not even got a clearance from the Riverside county environmental health not to talk of getting plan check approval from the other departments at the Riverside county to get a building permit in order to move forward in building the project.

The regional board indicated that they don't have anything to do with fees, that i should contact Water board in Sacramento which i did several times they keep sending me back to the San Diego regional board.

I respectfully and kindly urge the board members, directors and executive to assist in resolving and alleviate or mitigate the permit fees.

We have not done any construction or any discharge, no building permit issued to us yet, i kindly plead my case to the board here to please not rescind Order No. R9-2009-0147.

The permit fees outstanding now is approximately about \$10,000.00, this a lot of money for a small business in this hard pressed economy where everyone is struggling and hurting, i don't think it will be fair for the water board to make life more difficult for individuals trying to do a development and grow the economy, provide jobs to the community, we are trying to make the community better by building this project.

The County supervisor for Anza community area is very impressed about the project indicating that there have not been

any major development in Anza for the last forty years he his very supportive of the project, that this is going to grow the community.

The requirements of the Riverside county environmental health department is to get the discharge permit issued by the regional board and they will have a MOU with the regional board in the process of issuing the final building permit.

The intent of the legislature is to be fair and assist small business in compliance with regulatory standards to protect the public and it's citizens. It costed us over \$60,000.00 to finally get the discharge permit with time and effort involved for almost two years.

It will be very sad for the regional board to cancel the discharge permit Order No. R92009-0147, the intent of the legislature is not to negatively impact the growth of a small business, the cancellation and rescinding order No. R9-2009-0147 discharge permit will practically kill the project that i have been working on for the past seven years, a huge lot of money have been spent on this project till date.

The project is still in progress of obtaining the building permit with the Riverside county.

If the Order is rescinded we have to start all over again, practically will be a disaster, we have put a lot of effort and money in to the project.

I sincerely have faith in the system, no member of the board or management or executive will want to see all their efforts and hard earned money waste away if they were in my situation, when there can be a solution to the problem, the issue here is lack of payment of fees, which i think should not be paid because we have not done any discharge but we are still going to use the permit after we build the project.

We kindly want the Regional board to kindly work with us, and please do not rescind Order No. R9-2009-0147.

I hereby respectfully plead to the Regional board, it's executive and board members to be fair to us and no to adopt tentative Order No. R9-2014-0001.

Finally i respectfully and kindly urge the California Regional Water Control Board, San Diego Region not to rescind Order No R9-2009-0147 and not adopt Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0001.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely



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