

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

May 8, 2019

ITEM NO. 6

SUBJECT

Consideration of Tentative Addendum No. 5 To Order No. 97-52, *Waste Discharge and Recycling Requirements for the South Orange County Wastewater Authority, Orange County.* (Brandon Bushnell).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 5 To Order No. 97-52 is recommended.

KEY ISSUES

Tentative Addendum No. 5 To Order No. 97-52 (Tentative Addendum No. 5, **Supporting Document 1**), if adopted, will amend Order No. 97-52 to delete El Toro Water District (ETWD) and Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) from the list of South Orange County Reclamation Authority¹ associate member agencies included in the Order. The ETWD and IRWD will be regulated by the Santa Ana Regional Water Board.

PRACTICAL VISION

Tentative Addendum No. 5 To Order No. 97-52 is consistent with the Strategizing for Healthy Waters chapter of the Practical Vision.² Collaborating with our fellow regional boards will help the regulated community simplify their permitting process and help the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources on other projects and facilities within the region that threaten water quality.

DISCUSSION

Order No. 97-52 establishes recycled water requirements for the following member agencies of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority: City of San Juan Capistrano, ETWD, IRWD, Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, South Coast Water District, and Trabuco Canyon Water District. The recycled water service areas of the IRWD and ETWD are located within the jurisdictions of both the San Diego Water Board and the Santa Ana Water Board (**Supporting Document 2**). In a letter dated July 22, 2016, the San Diego Water Board notified the IRWD that the Santa Ana Water Board would be designated as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating treatment, use, and distribution of recycled water from the IRWD's Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs, **Supporting Document 3**). In a letter dated May 5, 2017, the San Diego Water Board notified the ETWD that the Santa Ana Water Board would be designated as the sole Water Board responsible for regulating treatment, use, and distribution of recycled water from the ETWD's WRP (**Supporting Document 4**).

¹ Now known as the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)

² Practical Vision: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/docs/PV-WQCC_Version.pdf

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The significant changes to Order No. 97-52 from Tentative Addendum No. 5 are:

1. The Adoption of Tentative Addendum No. 5 to Order No. 97-52 will remove member agencies IRWD and ETWD from the Order.
2. IRWD and ETWD will be regulated by the Santa Ana Water Board.

COMPLIANCE RECORD

1. In the last five years IRWD's Los Alisos Water Reclamation Facility has had numerous violations of Order No. 97-52 for manganese and total coliform. Staff Enforcement Letters were issued to SOCWA for the effluent violations
2. In the last five years there have been no violations of Order No. 97-52 by ETWD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification of this action was sent to known interested parties by mail on March 11, 2019 (**Supporting Document No. 5 and 6**). Tentative Addendum No. 5 to Order No. 97-52 was posted on the San Diego Water Board website on March 11, 2019. No comments were received. These actions satisfy the public notification requirements of Water Code, division 7, section 13167.5 for a 30-day notice and public comment period.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Addendum No. 5 To Order No. 97-52
2. Location Map
3. Letter dated July 22, 2016, to IRWD
4. Letter dated May 5, 2017, to ETWD
5. Transmittal of Tentative Addendum No. 5 to Order No. 97-52
6. Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period