

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2010-0015
SPECIAL ORDER
TO MODIFY
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. R5-2009-0088
FOR
NORTH OF RIVER SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1
AND
SILLS PROPERTIES, INC.
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board), finds that:

1. The North of River Sanitary District No.1 (District) owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that serves the North of River Sanitary District Service Area, the City of Shafter, and certain portions of the County of Kern Service Area 71 (CSA-71). The WWTF consists of headworks, a lift station, a vortex grit removal system, addition of coagulant (Ferric Chloride) and Polymer, a primary clarifier, a plastic media trickling filter, a secondary clarifier, primary and secondary sludge digesters, and fourteen unlined sludge drying beds. Treated wastewater is discharged to four unlined storage ponds and to approximately 2,380 acres of farmland.
2. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2009-0088, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 13 August 2009, prescribes requirements for a monthly average discharge flow of 7.5 million gallons per day (mgd) from the WWTF.
3. In its comments on the tentative WDRs, the District requested that the original compliance date in Provision H.26 be extended to June 2011. The request was to allow adequate time to install the groundwater monitoring network and collect sufficient data to evaluate nitrogen levels in groundwater. Central Valley Water Board staff concurred with extending the compliance date, but the change did not get reflected in the final Order.
4. The time schedule of Provision H.24 was based on a final compliance date of 15 August 2011, with several interim compliance dates. The compliance dates for Tasks e and f of Provision H.24 are not consistent with the compliance dates for the tasks that precede them and need to be adjusted. The final compliance date will not change.
5. The action to modify WDRs Order No. R5-2009-0088 is exempt from the provision of Chapter 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15301 (existing facility).

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6. The Discharger and interested agencies and persons were notified of the Central Valley Water Board's intent to modify WDRs Order No. R5-2009-0088 and provided an opportunity for a public hearing and to submit written views and recommendations.
7. All comments pertaining to the discharge were heard and considered in a public meeting.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to sections 13263 and 13267 of the California Water Code, that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No R5-2009-0088 is modified as follows:

1. Tasks e and f of Provision H.24: The deadline of **15 February 2010** is now **15 February 2011**.
2. Provision H.26: The deadline of **1 June 2010** is now **1 June 2011**.

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 29 January 2010.

original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

DMS/DKP: 01/29/10