

## SUMMARY OF WATER QUALITY ORDER

<b>ORDER NO.</b>	WQO 2003-0003
<b>DATE ADOPTED</b>	April 30, 2003
<b>PETITION TITLE</b>	General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality
<b>POPULAR NAME [if applicable]</b>	
<b>REGIONAL BOARD</b>	State-Wide Waste Discharge Requirements
<b>File No[s]</b>	

### STATE-WIDE GENERAL ORDER

In this order, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to establish minimum standards for the discharges categories listed below:

#### CATEGORIES OF LOW THREAT DISCHARGES

Wells/Boring Waste (*Well Development Discharge, Monitoring Well Purge Water Discharge, Boring Waste Discharge*)

Clear Water Discharges (*Water Main/ Water Storage Tank/ Water Hydrant Flushing, Pipelines/Tank Hydrostatic Testing Discharge, Commercial and Public Swimming Pools*)

Small Dewatering Projects (*Small /Temporary Dewatering Projects, such as excavations during construction*)

Miscellaneous (*Small Inert Solid Waste Disposal Operations, Cooling Discharge*)

Dischargers seeking coverage under these General WDRs must file with the appropriate Regional Board: (a) a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms and conditions of these General WDRs or a ROWD2, (b) the applicable first annual fee, (c) a project map, (d) evidence of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, and (e) a discharger monitoring plan. Regional Board staff will determine whether or not coverage under these General WDRs is appropriate. A letter will notify the discharger when coverage under these General WDRs has begun.

If there is a conflict between the provisions of these General WDRs and the applicable Basin Plan, the more stringent provision prevails. These discharges to land are low threat to water quality and are low volume discharges with minimal pollutant concentrations. This General WDRs establishes monitoring requirements specific for each discharge category.