

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 84-58

ORDER RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST AND AMENDING ORDERS NOS. 76-53, 77-155, 77-156, 77-157, 78-17, 79-95, 79-96, 79-97, 81-61 AND 82-28 ISSUED TO MONTARA SANITARY DISTRICT, GRANADA SANITARY DISTRICT, AND CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter referred to as the Regional Board) finds that:

1. On December 17, 1977, the Regional Board adopted Orders prescribing waste discharge requirements with time schedules for the discharges from the Granada Sanitary District, City of Half Moon Bay, and Montara Sanitary District, San Mateo County, hereinafter referred to as the dischargers:

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>NPDES No.</u>
Granada Sanitary District,	CA0037478
City of Half Moon Bay,	CA0037460
Montara Sanitary District,	CA0037486

2. Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (hereinafter referred to as SAM) was formed by City of Half Moon Bay, Granada Sanitary District, and Montara Sanitary District in a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated February 3, 1976, to exercise jointly the common power to perform all functions for the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater.
3. SAM encountered significant institutional problems in attempting to design and implement a regional wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system. In particular, disagreements over design capacity and also allocation of capacity between the member agencies resulted in major delays in obtaining needed regulatory agency approvals.
4. The Regional Board adopted Cease and Desist Orders on the following dates requiring the dischargers to comply with waste discharge requirements according to amended compliance time schedules and prohibiting additional discharges to the dischargers' sewer systems:

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Granada Sanitary District	76-53	May 4, 1976
City of Half Moon Bay	77-157	December 20, 1977
Montara Sanitary District	77-155	December 20, 1977

5. On January 12, 1979, the Regional Board filed legal action against SAM, the City of Half Moon Bay, Montara Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District requesting the court to order them to comply with all existing Regional Board Orders.
6. SAM was issued an NPDES permit for the proposed regional facilities March 20, 1979. The Montara, Granada, and Half Moon Bay NPDES permits would expire upon commencement of discharge into the new regional outfall facilities.

7. On May 10, 1979, the Santa Clara County Superior County issued a preliminary injunction ordering the SAM and its member agencies to comply with all existing Board Orders. The injunction required that the entire SAM project be fully completed and in operation on or before July 1, 1983.
8. Following SAM's completion of certain specified tasks in the construction of the new regional facilities, the Regional Board amended the Cease and Desist Orders with the following Orders to revise the compliance time schedules and to grant partial relief from the prohibitions against additional discharges:

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Connections Allowed</u>
Granada Sanitary District	77-156	December 20, 1977	-
	79-96	August 21, 1979	242
City of Half Moon Bay	78-17	March 21, 1978	77
	79-95	August 21, 1979	1000
Montara Sanitary District	79-97	August 21, 1979	237
	81-61	November 18, 1981	50
	82-28	June 16, 1982	100

9. The new SAM facilities became operational in September 1983. They consist of pipelines and pump stations to convey raw sewage from Montara and Granada to a new 2.0 million gallons per day secondary treatment plant located at the site of the old Half Moon Bay treatment plant and a new 2000 foot deepwater outfall west of the SAM treatment plant.
10. The new facilities have demonstrated reasonably consistent compliance with NPDES permit requirements since early 1984. SAM has committed to resolve all remaining treatment plant and collection system problems that threaten their ability to maintain consistent compliance.
11. The above actions and commitments by the dischargers satisfy the requirements of the Cease and Desist Orders and amendments issued to them by this Regional Board. SAM has requested verbally and by letter dated July 23, 1984 that the Cease and Desist Orders be formally rescinded by Board action.
12. This action is to rescind orders to enforce waste discharge requirements previously adopted by the Board. This action is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
13. At a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 1984, in the Assembly Room of the State Office Building, 1111 Jackson St., Oakland, after due notice to the discharger and other affected persons, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The following Regional Board Cease and Desist and amending Orders are rescinded:

Order Nos. 76-53, 77-155, 77-156, 77-157, 78-17, 79-95, 79-96, 79-97, 81-61 and 82-28.

I, Roger B. James, 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, San Francisco Bay Region, on September 19, 1984.

ROGER B. JAMES
Executive Officer