

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2025-0038-EXEC
APPOINTING TULARE COUNTY, RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AS A
FULL-SCOPE ADMINISTRATOR FOR EAST OROSI COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13289.5**

The State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") hereby orders:

1. In [Resolution No. 2025-0017-EXEC](#), the State Water Board found that East Orosi Community Services District (CSD) is a designated sewer system as defined in Water Code section 13288 and that it is in the best interest of the East Orosi CSD customers to appoint an administrator to assist East Orosi CSD to provide adequate sewer service.
2. Specifically, as detailed in Paragraphs 7 through 10 and Findings No. 1-3 of Resolution No. 2025-0017-EXEC:
 - a. East Orosi CSD serves East Orosi, a Disadvantaged Community;
 - b. East Orosi CSD has a demonstrated history of consistently failing to maintain technical, managerial, or financial capacity to prevent waste, fraud and abuse; and;
 - c. East Orosi CSD has consistently failed to provide adequate sewer service as defined in Water Code section 13288, subdivision (a) and is an inadequate sewer service provider. As detailed in Paragraph No. 12 of Resolution No. 2025-0017-EXEC, the State Water Board contacted Tulare County Resources Management Agency (Tulare County RMA) to confirm their willingness to be a sewer system administrator for East Orosi CSD as outlined in the Administrator Policy Handbook revised by the State Water Board on January 22, 2025. Tulare County RMA confirmed their willingness to serve as the administrator for the sewer system provider, East Orosi CSD. The State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance intends to execute a funding agreement amendment with the proposed administrator, Tulare County RMA.
3. The Division of Financial Assistance has approved \$388,976 in initial funding for the approved Scope of Work, which will be included in the executed funding agreement amendment. The approved Scope of Work will include a Community Accountability and Engagement Plan, a Post-Administrator Sewer Service Plan, and tasks necessary to assist the sewer system provider with making improvements necessary to develop an adequate sewer system. The administrator is not legally liable for costs outside the approved Scope of Work. Other costs related to the operations and maintenance, or infrastructure improvements of the water system shall be paid from sewer service rates, and/or grants, as applicable.

4. This Order appoints Tulare County RMA as the sewer system administrator and requires East Orosi CSD to accept administrative, technical, operational, legal, and managerial services, including full management and control of all aspects of the designated sewer system from the selected administrator.
5. The Order does not propose or require the sewer system provider to undertake any specific actions which will have a significant effect on the environment. This Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Order will have a significant effect on the environment, as set forth in CEQA guidelines, Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3).
6. Nothing in this Order relieves the sewer system provider of its obligation to meet the requirements of any applicable regulation, standard, permit or order issued under the authority established in the California Water Code and implementing regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Tulare County RMA is appointed as a full-scope sewer system administrator as defined in the Administrator Policy Handbook updated January 22, 2025, for the sewer system provider of East Orosi CSD.
2. Effective June 11, 2025, the sewer system provider of East Orosi CSD is required to unconditionally accept administrative, technical, operational, legal, financial, and managerial services, including full management and control of the sewer system, from Tulare County RMA. Full management and control includes hiring, dismissal, and reassigning staff to support administrator and operational duties as further described in the Administrator Policy Handbook.
3. Upon issuance of this Order, East Orosi CSD is required to work with Tulare County RMA to effectuate the transition of full management and control of the sewer system. This includes but is not limited to, providing Tulare County RMA access to all electronic and hard copies of operating records of the sewer system, customers' accounts, any sewer or similar wastewater reports or records, sewer system design, and operation plans. East Orosi CSD must also provide access to sewer system facilities and access to finances including restricted and unrestricted funds.

4. This Order shall remain effective and in place until rescinded, terminated, or otherwise modified by the State Water Board.

As the Executive Director of the State Water Board, I do hereby adopt this order pursuant to lawfully delegated authority.

June 11, 2025
Date


Eric Oppenheimer
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board