

**10 OCTOBER 2025 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 13

SUBJECT:

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDERS.

BOARD ACTION:

Adopt the Orders.

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96002

AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ORDER R5-2025-XXXX

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A. CITY OF TAFT, TAFT FEDERAL PRISON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2009-0054, KERN COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2009-0054, adopted on 24 April 2009, prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the City of Taft (Discharger), Taft Federal Prison Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). WDRs Order R5-2009-0054 authorized the discharge of up to 0.46 million gallons of secondary treated effluent to Sandy Creek. Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) conducted an inspection on 6 November 2024 and observed that the Facility was inactive. On 28 February 2025, the Discharger sent an email to Staff requesting that WDRs Order R5-2009-0054 be rescinded due to the prison's closure on 30 April 2020. In addition, the Discharger submitted a workplan describing planned closure activities for the Facility. Reports and supplemental information documenting the completion of workplan activities were submitted by the Kern County Department of Public Works and the Discharger on 29 April 2025 and 5 May 2025. On 6 May 2025, Staff sent a letter notifying the Discharger that the closure activities were completed in accordance with the workplan. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order R5-2009-0054.

B. COMUNIDAD NUEVO LAGO, INC; SHADY LAKES COMUNIDAD NUEVO LAGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 75-079, FRESNO COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 75-079, adopted on 25 April 1975, prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the Comunidad Nuevo Lago, Inc. (Discharger) Shady Lakes Comunidad Nuevo Lago Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The WWTF features a bar screen and an extended aeration package plant that discharges effluent to two evaporation/percolation ponds for disposal. WDRs Order 75-079 authorizes the discharge of up to 17,000 gallons per day (as a 30-day average) of domestic wastewater to the disposal ponds.

On 9 August 2019, Central Valley Water Board staff requested a new Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to facilitate evaluation of the WWTF and determine whether the discharge qualifies for coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order). On 14 November 2019

the Discharger submitted a RWD requesting coverage under the General Order. On 1 July 2025, Notice of Applicability 2014-0153-DWQ-R5428 was issued to the Discharger and will enroll the WWTF under the General Order upon rescission of WDRs Order 75-079. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 75-079.

C. DINUBA ENERGY, INC AND SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC DBA SEQUOIA FOREST INDUSTRIES, INC; DINUBA COGENERATION FACILITY AND SAWMILL, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 95-045, TULARE COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 95-045, adopted on 24 February 1995, prescribes requirements for the discharge of wastewater from the Dinuba Energy, Inc. and Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. (Discharger, collectively) Dinuba Cogeneration Facility and Sawmill (Facility). WDRs Order 95-045 authorizes a maximum day discharge of up to 0.12 million gallons per day (mgd) of cogeneration wastewater and 0.025 mgd (as a 30-day average) of wastewater from the Facility's log deck to a three-acre onsite pond for disposal.

On 18 December 2024, Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) received a request from the Discharger to rescind WDRs Order No. 95-045 since the Facility has not been operational since 2015. On 28 April 2025, Staff conducted a closure inspection of the Facility and confirmed that it was inactive, the process water discharge piping had been dismantled, and no waste solids were present. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order No. 95-045.

D. COUNTY OF TULARE, DELFT COLONY WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 88-097, TULARE COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 88-097 was adopted on 24 June 1988 and prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (Discharger) Delft Colony Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility (WWTF). The WWTF consists of a headworks and two facultative lagoons that discharge treated wastewater to two evaporation/percolation ponds for disposal. WDRs Order 88-097 authorizes the discharge of up to 57,200 gallons per day (as a 30-day average) of domestic wastewater to the disposal ponds.

On 18 October 2023, Central Valley Water Board staff sent a 13260 letter to the Discharger requesting the submittal of several updated Reports of Waste Discharge (RWDs) for multiple regulated facilities, including the WWTF. On 30 September 2024, the Discharger submitted a RWD seeking coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order) for the WWTF. On 12 June 2025, Notice of Applicability 2014-0153-DWQ-R5427 was issued to the Discharger and will enroll the WWTF under the General Order upon rescission of WDRs Order 88-097. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 88-097.

E. YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION, SEKA HILLS OLIVE MILL, YOLO COUNTY, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2013-0137

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2013-0137, adopted on 4 October 2013, prescribes requirements for the discharge of wastewater from the Seka Hills Olive Mill (Facility) to land application areas located within three (3) separate parcels, consisting of four (4) separate fields for a total of approximately 183 acres. The parcels recently underwent lot line adjustments and transfer of land ownership from "Fee Land" to "Trust Land." Trust Land is land held by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs in trust for the Tribe. Waste discharges will occur on Trust Land only. The Central Valley Water Board lacks regulatory authority over discharges that occur on Trust Land; however, it does retain the authority to enforce applicable laws, regulations, and policies related to degradation or pollution of surface water or groundwater insofar as such degradation or pollution associated with the previously permitted discharge is detectable outside the confines of Trust Land. No discharges will occur on Fee Land owned by the Tribe. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2013-0137.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Orders are rescinded on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, 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 10 October 2025.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer