

**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Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown: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. **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, ORDER R5-2019-0047 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078093)**

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2019-0047 (NPDES Permit CA0078093) adopted on 7 June 2019 prescribed requirements for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Discharger) Deuel Vocational Institution (Facility) in San Joaquin County. Order R5-2019-0047 authorized discharge of up to 0.62 million gallons per day of disinfected, tertiary treated wastewater from the Facility's onsite wastewater treatment plant to Deuel Drain, a water of the United States and tributary of the San Joaquin River via Paradise Cut within the Delta.

In August 2021, the Discharger initiated a warm shutdown of the Facility, at which point no inmates or staff were housed at the site, all support activities had ceased, and no further municipal water was conveyed, treated, or discharged. The Facility currently has no plans to re-open. The Discharger continues to maintain the wastewater treatment plant components that are no longer in use and flush the sewer system once per month with potable effluent from the onsite drinking water treatment system. In addition to the flushing stream, other influent flows include basement drainage, groundwater inflow and infiltration, and rainwater runoff. To accommodate for variable flow and variable water quality, treated effluent is stored in the clay-lined facultative ponds for disposal and may be discharged to the Deuel Drain if needed when the ponds are at capacity.

The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the new discharge in June 2021. Based on the ROWD and subsequent information submitted by the Discharger, staff determined that the Facility is eligible for coverage under the *General Order R5-2022-0006-03 for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water* (Limited Threat General Order). A Notice of Applicability (R5-2022-0006-036) was issued by the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer with an effective date of 1 March 2025. Since regulatory coverage for the discharge of treated wastewater to surface water will be provided under the Limited Threat General Order, Order R5-2019-0047 is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Order R5-2019-0047.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order is 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 24/25 April 2025.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer