## CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

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ORDER NO. R4-2025-0152

## TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 97-128 AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-7829 FOR

NAVAL AUXILIARY LANDING FIELD File No. 97-094 CI-7829

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) finds:

- 1. On September 29, 1997, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Individual Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 97-128 and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. CI-7829 for domestic wastewater discharge from two office buildings at the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field on San Clemente Island. The onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) is located at the northern end of the island adjacent to the helicopter landing-field attached to the main airstrip. The OWTS consists of a 1,500-gallon conventional septic tank and a dispersal leach field. The nearest surface water body is the Pacific Ocean, approximately half a mile to the southwest and north.
- 2. On April 4, 2024, the Los Angeles Water Board received a request for termination of the WDRs Order and MRP from the Department of the Navy, Naval Base Coronado (Discharger).
- 3. Section 13269 of the California Water Code (CWC) authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) or a regional water board to conditionally waive the requirement for filing a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and issuance of WDRs for a specific discharge or type of discharge. The waiver must be consistent with any applicable state or regional water quality control plans and be in the public interest.
- 4. On June 19, 2012, the State Water Board adopted the *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy). The OWTS Policy was re-adopted with minor changes on April 17, 2018, and April 18, 2023.
- 5. A Tier 0 system as defined by the OWTS Policy is any system which existed prior to adoption of the OWTS Policy, receives only domestic wastewater, receives a projected flow of 10,000 gallons-per-day or less, complies with previously imposed permitting conditions, is not located near an impaired water body, and is properly

functioning.

- 6. The OWTS Policy pursuant to CWC Section 13269 waives requirements to submit an ROWD, obtain WDRs, and pay fees for discharges covered by the OWTS Policy (e.g., Tier 0 systems) so long as the system is properly functioning and does not contribute to a condition of nuisance or pollution.
- 7. On June 5, 2024, Los Angeles Water Board staff conducted a site inspection and verified that the system was properly functioning, with no overflows, surfacing of effluent, or nuisance odors.
- 8. Based on a review of submitted self-monitoring reports and the June 2024 site inspection, Los Angeles Water Board staff has determined that the Discharger is in compliance with Order No. 97-128 and MRP No. CI-7829. Further, the site meets all requirements outlined in the OWTS Policy to be eligible for OWTS Policy Tier 0 waiver. Therefore, the Individual WDRs Order No. 97-128 and MRP No. CI-7829 are no longer needed except for enforcement purpose.
- 9. Termination of WDRs Order No. 97-128 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the termination of WDRs does not have the potential to cause a significant impact on the environment. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, div. 6, ch. 3, § 15061(b)(3)).
- 10. The Los Angeles Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative termination of waste discharge requirements.
- 11. Pursuant to Water Code section 13320, any aggrieved party may seek review of this Order by filing a petition with the State Water Board. The petition must be received by the State Water Board, at P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812 within 30 days after this Order is adopted.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that WDRs Order No. 97-128 and MRP No. CI-7829 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit a copy of this termination Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

I, Susana Arredondo, 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, Los Angeles Region, on April 24, 2025.

Jenny Newman

Digitally signed by Jenny Newman Date: 2025.04.29

for Susana Arredondo Executive Officer