

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

**RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the following Order is no longer necessary, for the reasons shown:

**A) CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DEUEL VOCATIONAL  
INSTITUTION, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2017-0071,  
CLASS II SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

In accordance with California Code of Regulations title 27 (Title 27), the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2017-0071 (9 June 2017) for the operation of four Class II surface impoundments used to contain the discharge of hypersaline wastewater (i.e., brine) generated in the production of potable drinking water at Deuel Vocational Institution (Facility). The Facility is owned and operated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Discharger). On 25 September 2020, the Discharger announced closure of the Facility, which involved clean closure of its Class II surface impoundments in accordance with Title 27 section 21400. Following clean closure activities, the Discharger submitted a Clean Closure Report dated 16 April 2021. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the Clean Closure Report and concurred, in a letter dated 21 June 2021, that any remaining areas of elevated concentration of waste with respect to calculated background threshold values are likely related to groundwater conditions at the site and not due to waste disposal activities associated with the operation of the Class II surface impoundments. Therefore, since clean closure of the surface impoundments has been completed and they are no longer subject to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)-promulgated requirements of Title 27, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order R5-2017-0071, permanently record clean closure activities in the SWRCB Geotracker database, and terminate any financial assurances requirements associated with the Class II surface impoundments.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above order(s) is rescinded on the date of this Order unless otherwise stated above.

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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 XX August 2024.

**PATRICK PULUPA**, Executive Officer