

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

ORDER NO. R9-2023-0028

**AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 2000-138,
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
OUTDOOR RESORTS RANCHO CALIFORNIA, INC.,
OUTDOOR RESORTS RANCHO CALIFORNIA RV PARK, RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. Order No. 2000-138, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Outdoor Resorts Rancho California, Inc. Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park, Riverside County* (Order No. 2000-138), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS consists of 19 septic tanks, one holding tank, 17 leach fields, and one seepage pit. The Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS collects wastewater from 593 recreational vehicle (RV) camp sites, five restrooms, two club houses, and a laundry facility. The Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park has an RV dump station that the residents do not currently use. The RV dump station connects to a holding tank that discharges to the Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS. The Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS is located at 45525 Highway 79, Aguanga in the County of Riverside. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 2000-138 on August 30, 2000.
2. Order No. 2000-138 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current state policy and requirements. Discharges from small OWTS such as these have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, and flow ranges, and they require the same or similar treatment standards. The State Water Resources Control Board issued Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order), to regulate these types of discharges consistently throughout the state. Enrollment of the Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 2000-138.
3. The discharge from the Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS is less than 100,000 gallons per day and is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information submitted in a report of waste discharge dated September 30, 2022, and an inspection by San Diego Water Board staff on May 4, 2021. As such, the discharge from the Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements.

4. Rancho California RV Resort Owners Association notified the San Diego Water Board on April 25, 2016, that ownership of Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park transferred in 2015. Rancho California RV Resort Owners Association also notified the Board that the facility name changed from Outdoor Resorts Rancho California RV Park to Rancho California RV Resort. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to Rancho California RV Resort Owners Association, for enrollment of the Rancho California RV Resort OWTS in the General Order prior to the board meeting on August 9, 2023. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order coincides with the adoption date of this rescission Order.
5. Adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0028 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. 2000-138 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. 2000-138 are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0028 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects).

The State Water Resources Control Board considered the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the General Order and prepared an Initial Study in accordance with title 14, section 15063. Analysis in the Initial Study and early consultation with responsible and trustee agencies did not identify any significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, a Negative Declaration was prepared. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Negative Declaration on September 23, 2014, through Resolution No. 2014-0054, California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems. The General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 2000-138.

6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0028 in a public meeting on August 9, 2023.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 2000-138 is rescinded.

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on September 13, 2023.

David W. Gibson, Executive Officer