CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2023-0002

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 94-93, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, POTRERO PARK, NEAR POTRERO

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

- 1. Order No. 94-93, Waste Discharge Requirements for the County of San Diego, Potrero Park, near Potrero (Order No. 94-93), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The Potrero Park OWTS consists of two septic tanks and a recreational vehicle (RV) dump station that discharge to a leach field system. The Potrero Park OWTS collects wastewater from 37 RV spaces, 10 tent campsites, three restrooms, and two park residences. The Potrero Park OWTS is located at 24800 Potrero Park Road, Potrero, California. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 94-93 on August 11, 1994.
- 2. Order No. 94-93 must be replaced to ensure that the discharge is regulated consistent with current state policy and requirements. Discharges from small package treatment plants and OWTS such as these have certain common characteristics, such as similar constituents, concentrations of constituents, disposal techniques, and flow ranges, and 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 Potrero Park OWTS in the General Order will provide a level of water quality protection equal to that provided in Order No. 94-93.
- 3. The discharge from the Potrero Park OWTS is less than 100,000 gallons per day and is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information submitted in monitoring reports and obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on August 23, 2022. As such, the discharge from the Potrero Park OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order than individual waste discharge requirements.
- 4. The San Diego Water Board will issue a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to the County of San Diego, for enrollment of the Potrero Park OWTS in the General Order prior to the board meeting on March 8, 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. R9-2023-0002 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. 94-93 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharges that were regulated by Order No. 94-93 are now regulated under the General Order. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0002 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. 94-93.

6. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2023-0002 in a public meeting on March 8, 2023.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 94-93 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 March 8, 2023.

