

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

JUNE 11, 2025

ITEM NO. 4

SUBJECT

Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0048, *An Order Rescinding Order Nos. 86-41, 93-124, 94-23, and R9-2009-0051, Water Reclamation Requirements for the California Department of Transportation, La Costa Hotel and Spa, Vista Irrigation District, and Western Municipal Water District-Murrieta Division* (Tentative Order R9-2025-0048). (Brandon Bushnell)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0048 (**Supporting Document 1**).

KEY ISSUES

The Tentative Order R9-2025-0048, if adopted, will rescind the following Orders:

- Order No. 86-41, *Water Reclamation Requirements for the California Department of Transportation for Irrigation of Interstate 5 Corridor from the City of Carlsbad into Camp Pendleton, San Diego County* (Order No. 86-41).
- Order No. 93-124, *Water Reclamation Requirements for the La Costa Hotel and Spa, San Diego County* (Order No. 93-124).
- Order No. 94-23, *Water Reclamation Requirements for the Vista Irrigation District for Purveyance of Reclaimed Water in the Buena Sanitation District, San Diego County* (Order No. 94-23).
- Order No. R9-2009-0051, *Master Reclamation Permit for Western Municipal Water District-Murrieta Division, Riverside County* (Order No. R9-2009-0051).

PRACTICAL VISION

Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0048 is consistent with the Strategize for Healthy Waters chapter of the San Diego Water Board Practical Vision.¹ The rescission of unneeded orders helps the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources on larger projects and facilities within the region that pose a greater threat to water quality. Rescission of unneeded orders also helps the Board focus staff resources on projects that advance sustainable local water supplies.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this item is to provide the San Diego Water Board with information to assist in its consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0048. If adopted, Tentative Order No. R9-2025-0048 will rescind four outdated water reclamation orders related to the supply and use of recycled water: Order Nos. 86-41, 93-124, 94-23, and R9-2009-0051.

Order No. 86-41 established requirements for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use recycled water produced by Fallbrook Public Utilities District along Interstate 5. Caltrans currently receives recycled water from the Cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad, and applies the recycled water along Interstate 5, between La Costa and United States Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The use of recycled water by Caltrans along this section of Interstate 5 is now regulated under Order No. R9-2016-0183, *Master Recycling Permit for Carlsbad Municipal Water District, Carlsbad Water Recycling Facility, San Diego County* (Order No. R9-2016-0183) and the City of Oceanside's enrollment in State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* as an administrator of a recycled water distribution system. As a result, Order No. 86-41 is no longer necessary.

Order No. 93-124 established requirements for La Costa Hotel and Spa (now Omni La Costa Resort and Spa) for the use of recycled water produced by Vallecitos Water District at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa Golf Course. Omni La Costa Resort and Spa currently receives recycled water from the City of Carlsbad and Leucadia Wastewater District for use at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa Golf Course. The use of recycled water by Omni La Costa Resort and Spa is now regulated under Order No. R9-2016-0183 and Order No. R9-2004-0023 *Waste Discharge Requirements for Leucadia Wastewater District Forest R. Gafner Water Reclamation Plant San Diego County*. As a result, Order No. 93-124 is no longer necessary.

Order No. 94-23 established requirements for Vista Irrigation District for the purveyance and use of recycled water produced by Buena Sanitation District. Vista Irrigation District stopped receiving recycled water from Buena Sanitation District when the Buena

¹ Practical Vision:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/

Sanitation District's Shadowridge Water Reclamation Plant stopped operating on February 2, 2003. As a result, Order No. 94-23 is no longer necessary

Order No. R9-2009-0051 established requirements for Western Municipal Water District-Murrieta Division for the purveyance and use of recycled water produced by Eastern Municipal Water District. Western Municipal Water District never received recycled water from the Eastern Municipal Water District. Additionally, Western Municipal Water District does not have plans to receive recycled water from the Eastern Municipal Water District. As a result, Order No. R9-2009-0051 is no longer necessary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

San Diego Water Board staff notified the Dischargers and known interested parties of this action on March 18, 2025 (**Supporting Documents 2 a-d and 3**). Additionally, Board staff posted Tentative Order No. R9-2024-0068 on its website on March 18, 2025. The Board did not receive any written comments during the public comment period. These actions satisfy the 30-day public notification and comment period requirements of Water Code section 13167.5.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Tentative Order R9-2025-0048
2. Transmittal Letters
 - a. Caltrans
 - b. Omni La Costa Resort and Spa
 - c. Vista Irrigation District
 - d. Western Municipal Water District-Murrieta Division
3. Notice of Public Hearing and Written Comment Period