

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101, *An Order Rescinding Order No. R9-2004-0389, Waste Discharge Requirements for DS Waters of America, LP, Lakeside Bottling Plant, San Diego County* (Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101). (Martin Pham)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101 (**Supporting Document 1**).

KEY ISSUES

- DS Waters of America, LP (Discharger) has terminated its process wastewater discharges to groundwater within the Santee Hydrologic Sub Area (907.12). As a result, Order R9-2004-0398, *Waste Discharge Requirements for DS Waters of America, LP, Lakeside Bottling Plant, San Diego County*, is being rescinded.
- Order No. R9-2004-0389 established requirements for the discharge of process wastewater to a percolation pond at the Lakeside Bottling Plant (Facility). DS Waters of America, LP (Discharger) generated process wastewater at the Facility from the production of bottled drinking water.
- San Diego Water Board staff inspected the Facility and verified that the Discharger ceased bottled water production activities and terminated all waste discharges, regulated under Order No. R9-2004-0389.

PRACTICAL VISION

Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101 is consistent with the Strategize for Healthy Waters chapter of the San Diego Water Board Practical Vision.¹ Rescission of Order No. R9-2004-0389 documents the Discharger's termination of process wastewater discharges to groundwater within the Santee Hydrologic Sub Area (907.12). Additionally, timely

¹ The Practical Vision is available online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/

response to requests for rescission of unneeded orders provides good customer service to the regulated community. Rescission of unneeded orders also helps the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources towards discharges that pose a greater threat to water quality, and 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. R9-2026-0101. If adopted, Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101 will rescind Order No. R9-2004-0389. Order No. R9-2004-0389 established requirements for the discharge of process wastewater to an onsite percolation pond at the Discharger's Facility. The Facility is located at 11811 Highway 67, Lakeside, San Diego County (**Supporting Document 2**).

The Discharger extracted and treated groundwater from an onsite production well to produce bottled drinking water. Process wastewater collected from internal floor drains and production areas at the Facility was discharged to an onsite percolation pond. The Discharger notified the San Diego Water Board by letter dated July 24, 2026, that it terminated bottled water production and process wastewater discharges. The Discharger also requested termination of Order No. R9-2004-0389. San Diego Water Board staff inspected the Facility on August 14, 2026, and verified the Discharger ceased bottled water production operations and terminated process wastewater discharges.

COMPLIANCE RECORD

San Diego Water Board staff issued two staff enforcement letters to the Discharger for ten deficient or late reporting violations, which occurred in 2015 and 2016. Staff also identified 12 flow limitation violations in 2025. Staff will not be issuing a staff enforcement letter for the flow limitation violations because the discharge has been terminated. The discharge was terminated on March 13, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

San Diego Water Board staff notified the Discharger and known interested parties of this action on August 24, 2026 (**Supporting Documents 3 and 4**). San Diego Water Board staff also posted Tentative Order No. R9-2026-0101 on its website on August 23, 2026. 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 R9-2026-0101
2. Vicinity and Facility Maps

3. Transmittal Letter
4. Notice of Public Hearing and Written Comment Period