

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Blair Allen)
MEETING DATE: **May 10, 2017**

ITEM: 5E

SUBJECT: CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SUNOL VALLEY
GOLF COURSE, SUNOL, ALAMEDA COUNTY –
Rescission of Water Reclamation Requirements Order No. 88-037

CHRONOLOGY: March 1988 - Water Reclamation Requirements adopted
January 2016 - Facility closed

DISCUSSION: The Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would rescind Order No. 88-037 for the Sunol Valley Golf Course. The Sunol Valley Golf Course was a public-use commercial golf course facility operated by the Sunol Valley Golf and Recreation Company (Company) from 1988 until 2016. The property is owned by the City and County of San Francisco, and the golf course facility operated under a lease agreement. The location is the picturesque and unsewered community of Sunol in the Alameda Creek watershed. The facility, which included two 18-hole golf courses and a central building with shops and visitor services, was served by a small, onsite wastewater treatment plant, and treated, disinfected water was used to irrigate golf course lands. The Company properly operated and maintained the wastewater system and discharges of treated wastewater to land with routine reporting as required and no notable issues of non-compliance.

In January 2016, an era of more than 40 years of golfing in Sunol Valley came to an end. The Company closed the facility, and it reverted to the City. The facility is currently unused, with no plans for future uses, but has ongoing 'caretaker' management. In April 2016, Board staff inspected the facility and found the wastewater system properly decommissioned with no further discharges of waste and no further need for regulation under Water Reclamation Requirements. Order No. 88-037 is thus no longer applicable and not needed.

During the comment period, the City and others were notified of the proposed rescission action. During this time, Board staff initiated minor wording and formatting changes, including adding standard language regarding future enforcement. City staff did not object to the changes. No written comments were received. We expect this item to remain uncontested.

RECOMMENDED

ACTION: Adopt the Revised Tentative Order

FILE NUMBER: CIWQS Place ID 259510

APPENDIX A: Revised Tentative Order

Appendix A

REVISED TENTATIVE ORDER

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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REVISED TENTATIVE ORDER

RESCISSION OF ORDER No. 88-037

WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS for:

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO and
SUNOL VALLEY GOLF AND RECREATION COMPANY,
SUNOL VALLEY GOLF COURSE, SUNOL, ALAMEDA COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter the Regional Water Board), finds that:

- 1. Purpose of Order:** The purpose of this Order is to rescind Water Reclamation Requirements Order No. 88-037, adopted March 16, 1988, for the dischargers, the City and County of San Francisco and the Sunol Valley Golf and Recreation Company, for the facility known as the Sunol Valley Golf Course, in Sunol.
- 2. Background:** The Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 88-037 to prescribe discharge requirements for operation of a wastewater treatment plant to treat domestic wastewater generated at the Sunol Valley Golf Course and for reuse of adequately treated wastewater to irrigate golf course greens and landscaping. The golf course, wastewater system, and discharge requirements were in active use from 1988 until early 2016.

On January 29, 2016, the Sunol Valley Golf Course facility closed; involvement of leasee Sunol Valley Golf and Recreation Company ceased; management of the property reverted entirely to the property owner, the City and County of San Francisco (City); and wastewater system use was permanently terminated. Over the first calendar quarter of 2016, the wastewater system's equipment was dismantled by City staff. On April 13, 2016, Regional Water Board staff inspected the facility with City staff and found the wastewater system properly decommissioned, with no further discharges of waste. All utilities had been disconnected; residual waters and solids removed; reusable equipment removed; and remnant equipment fenced, locked, boarded up, newly roofed to prevent stormwater contact, and awaiting further dismantling for recycling or landfill discard to be determined by City staff.

The City currently has no defined plans for future use of the property, and the entire property is in caretaker mode by City staff. Any future proposed wastewater management systems on the property will require new infrastructure and an application to the Regional Water Board for new waste discharge requirements.

- 3. Basis for Rescission:** The discharges and wastewater management systems regulated by Order No. 88-037 have been terminated and dismantled and will not be reused. Accordingly, Order No. 88-037 is no longer needed.

4. **CEQA:** This action rescinds an order of the Regional Water Board. Rescission of the order is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). There is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. (California Code of Regulations, title 14 sections 15378 and 15061, subdivision (b)(3).)
5. **Notification:** The Regional Water Board has notified the dischargers and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind the water reclamation requirements and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments.
6. **Public Hearing:** The Regional Water Board, at a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 88-037 is rescinded, except for purposes of future enforcement for past violations of the requirements of Order No. 88-037.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on May 10, 2017.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer

Regional Water Board Case File Reference: CIWQS and ECM Place Number 259510