

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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In the Matter of Wastewater Petition WW3563

**San Andreas Sanitary District**

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN THE POINT OF DISCHARGE OF  
TREATED WASTEWATER**

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SOURCE: (1) San Andreas Creek (existing), (2) North Fork Calaveras River (petitioned)

COUNTY: Calaveras

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**WHEREAS:**

1. Treated Wastewater Change Petition WW3563 was filed by the San Andreas Sanitary District (District) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on April 14, 2003, pursuant to section 1211 of the Water Code. Public notice of the change was issued on July 18, 2003, and no protests were received.
2. The petition was filed to move the point of discharge of treated wastewater from its current location on San Andreas Creek downstream to the confluence of Murray Creek and the North Fork Calaveras River. The purpose of moving the secondary treated wastewater discharge is to make the discharge at a location where the effluent will be diluted by at least a 20 to 1 ratio by the receiving water as recommended by State Department of Health Services guidelines.

Pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the District is permitted to discharge effluent to surface waters from November through April. District effluent is applied to land (for disposal, no reclamation) during the rest of the year. Per the Basin Plan objective of minimizing effluent discharges to surface waters, the District applies its effluent to land to the extent practicable (i.e., to the extent that the land is dry) in the November through April period. Thus, in droughts the District discharges little or no effluent to surface waters.

In the period November 2001 through November 2002 (most recent period prior to petition submittal), the District discharged a total of 192 acre-feet. The average daily discharge rate for days on which effluent discharge to surface water occurred was 0.58 cubic foot per second.

3. The State Water Board has determined that the petition to move the point of discharge does not cause injury to any other lawful user of water.
4. The District is lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. The District prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse #2003022076) dated March 19, 2003 and made findings for this project. On March 20, 2003, the District filed a Notice of Determination for the project with Calaveras County.

The State Water Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the environmental document. The project consists of moving the District's approved effluent discharge from the current location on San Andreas Creek to the downstream location where San Andreas Creek flows in to the North Fork Calaveras River. The District will install a 12-inch diameter outfall pipeline extending from the District's current point of discharge at San Andreas Creek to the North Fork Calaveras River. The pipeline will be approximately 5,950 linear feet in length, include a crossing at Murray Creek, and have a borehole undercrossing at State Highway 49. The District will also install a 10-foot diffuser pipe in the riverbed of the North Fork Calaveras River.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration identified potentially significant impacts on biological resources, cultural resources, geology, soils, hydrology and water quality. The District found that the mitigation measures incorporated into the project avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels.

The State Water Board, as responsible agency, is required to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the District and reach its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the Wastewater Change Petition. The State Water Board finds that changes or mitigation measures have been required in, or incorporated into, the project that avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Mitigation measures for this project are within the responsibility of the District, not the State Water Board, and have been or should be adopted.

5. Fish, wildlife, and plant species have been or may be listed under the federal Endangered Species Act and/or the California Endangered Species Act. A condition should be placed in the order making the petitioner aware of possible obligations resulting from these acts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The District is authorized to change the point of discharge of treated wastewater. The existing point of discharge is located at the San Andreas Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant, California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North 620,850 feet and East 1,946,050 feet, being within the NE¼ of NE¼ of section 18, T4N, R12E, MDB&M. The new point of discharge is located on the North Fork Calaveras River, North 622,950 feet and East 1,941,250 feet, being within the NE¼ of SE¼ of section 12, T4N, R11E, MDB&M.
2. The petitioner shall comply with the following Endangered Species condition:

This change does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this order, the petitioner shall obtain authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Petitioner shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this order.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

*Victoria A. Whitney, Chief*  
*Division of Water Rights*

Dated: 11/30/06



# State Water Resources Control Board

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**March 9, 2010**

Gary McGeorge  
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Dear Mr. George:

## RENUMBERING OF WASTEWATER CHANGE PETITION 3563 OF SAN ANDREAS SANITARY DISTRICT

On November 30, 2006, the Division of Water Rights approved Wastewater Change Petition 3563 of San Andreas Sanitary District. Unfortunately, the number assigned to this matter is out of sequence with other wastewater change petition numbers. Therefore, it has been renumbered Wastewater Change Petition 57. No other changes were made. If you need to refer to this petition in the future, please use the new number.

If you require further assistance, I can be contacted at (916) 341-5363.

Sincerely,

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY*

Katherine Mrowka, Chief  
Inland Streams Unit