



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

January 22, 2016

Mr. Alex Smith
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TENTATIVE ORDER TO TERMINATE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HAPPY VALLEY FOUNDATION, BESANT HILL SCHOOL, 8585 OJAI-SANTA PAULA ROAD, OJAI, CALIFORNIA (ORDER NO. 95-058, FILE NO. 64-156, CI NO. 4842, GLOBAL ID WDR1000001679)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses of water within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the facility mentioned above.

On April 7, 1995, this Regional Board adopted Water Discharge Requirements Order No. 95-058 (WDRs), and the associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), CI No. 4842 for the Happy Valley Foundation for the discharges of wastewater generated from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) and a secondary treatment package plant at the Happy Valley School (Campus) located at 8585 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, Ojai, California.

On July 21, 2014, the Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the proposed construction of a new swimming pool complex, for the recent construction of four (4) student/faculty housing units, and the future construction of two (2) additional student/faculty housing units; and the installation of eight (8) onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTSs).

On July 15, 2015, this Regional Board enrolled the Discharger for the discharge from the existing and the future OWTSs in State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 2014-0153-DWQ, "*General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems*," adopted by the State Board on September 23, 2014. Therefore, the coverage of the WDRs Order No. 95-058 is no longer necessary and shall be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate WDR Order No. 95-058. The hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on **March 10, 2016**, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California.

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In order to be fully evaluated by Regional Board staff and included in the Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received at the Regional Board office by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2016. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide a timely review, and that Regional Board Members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Ms. Mercedes Merino at (213) 620-6156 (Mercedes.Merino@waterboards.ca.gov), or the Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. Eric Wu at (213) 576-6683 (Eric.Wu@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Eric Wu, Ph.D., P.E.
Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit

Enclosures: Tentative Order No. R4-2016-XXXX, Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements

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Mr. Alan Nelsen, DMI-EMK Environmental Services, Incorporated

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ORDER NO. R4-2016-XXXX

**TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND/GROUNDWATER
(Happy Valley Foundation – Happy Valley School)
File No. 64-156**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. On April 7, 1995, this Regional Board adopted Water Discharge Requirements Order No. 95-058 (WDRs) and a Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), CI No. 4842 for the Happy Valley Foundation for the discharges of wastewater generated from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) and a secondary treatment package plant at the Happy Valley School (Campus) located at 8585 Ojai-Santa Paula Road, Ojai, California.
2. Regional Board Order No. 95-058 allowed the Discharger to treat wastewater generated from the six (6) buildings (administration, classrooms, library, dining commons, EOS dormitory, and Phoenix Dorm) on Campus. The OWTS consists of a 10,000-gallon septic tank and a leachfield. The secondary treatment package plant consists of a solids collection tank, three (3) 10,000-gallon aeration tanks, an 18,000-gallon clarifier, and 8,000-gallon holding tank and a leachfield. The combined total capacity for the OWTS and the secondary treatment package plant is 33,000 gallons per day (gpd).
3. On July 21, 2014, the Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the proposed construction of a new swimming pool complex, for the recent construction of four (4) student/faculty housing units, and the future construction of two (2) additional student/faculty housing units; and the installation of eight (8) onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTSs) and eight (8) leach fields.
4. Furthermore, the Discharger informed the Regional Board that it plans to abandon the existing secondary treatment package plant; and replace it with a 5,000-gallon septic tank connected to a leachfield. The leachfield will consist of thirteen leachlines measuring 100 feet long by 3 feet wide by 4 feet deep leach lines.
5. Construction of the new swimming pool complex, the two (2) additional student/faculty housing units and the OWTSs is expected to be completed in April 2017; and the secondary treatment package plant will be abandoned at that time.
6. The total design capacity of all nine (9) OWTSs is 32,350 gpd. The estimated maximum discharge volume from the OWTSs is approximately 16,440 gpd (114 boarding students x 100 gpd, 48 full time staff x 100 gpd, and 12 part-time staff x 20 gpd).
7. On July 15, 2015, this Regional Board enrolled the Discharger for the discharge from the existing and future OWTSs in State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Water Quality Order No. 2014-0153-DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for

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Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems,” adopted by the State Board on September 23, 2014.

8. The Discharger has been in substantial compliance with the MRP during the term of the WDRs, except for late report submittals.
9. Because the wastewater generated from the Campus is considered small commercial property; it discharges less than 100,000 gpd of domestic wastewater and is eligible and is currently enrolled under State Board Order No. 2014-0153-DWQ, the Regional Board finds that WDRs Order No. 95-058 is no longer necessary and shall be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement. Therefore, a tentative order has been prepared to terminate WDRs Order No. 95-058.
10. The termination of WDRs Order No. 95-058 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the termination of WDRs and the discharge authorized by the WDRs does not have the potential for causing a significant impact on the environment. See Title 14, Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3).

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to consider termination of WDRs Order No. 95-058, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit comments. The Regional Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to the Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 95-058 is terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of this Regional Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

I, Samuel Unger, 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, Los Angeles Region on March 10, 2016.

Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

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