

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

ORDER NO. R1-2009-0088  
RESCISSION OF CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT  
ORDER NO. R1-2004-0037

FOR

CITY OF YREKA  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
I.D. No. 1A84083OSIS

Siskiyou County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. The Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2003-0047 for City of Yreka Wastewater Treatment Facility (hereinafter the Discharger) on May 15, 2003. The Order regulates waste treatment and disposal facilities (a 31-acre subsurface disposal field and percolation ponds); and includes discharge prohibitions and specific provisions that must be met at all times to ensure compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan). Both the subsurface disposal field and percolation ponds are located adjacent to Yreka Creek.
2. The Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board issued Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1-2004-0037 to the Discharger on April 27, 2004, for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements because of surfacing effluent, failures of subsurface disposal system, and percolating effluent/runoff resulting from porous tailings in the alternate disposal field and percolation ponds, which violated Basin Plan discharge prohibitions. Order No. R1-2004-0037 included a schedule of tasks with timelines to clean up and abate the discharge, correct deficiencies and provide an operations, maintenance and contingency plan with measures for addressing future subsurface disposal field failures.
3. Between May 2004 and December 2004, the Discharger completed all of the requirements in the CAO, including preparing and submitting a plan and schedule for completing tasks, including repairing malfunctions in components of the subsurface disposal field, restoring disturbed ground surface to grade and discontinuing use of the alternate disposal field, submittal of copies of both the Operations and Maintenance Manual and Emergency Contingency Plan, and submittal of status reports, demonstrating implementation of the plan. During an April 7, 2009 field inspection, a Discharger representative advised Regional Water Board staff that all tasks required by the CAO had been completed, and by letter of April 16, 2009 requested rescission of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1- 2004-0037. The Discharger has fulfilled all of the required provisions in the CAO designed to eliminate future discharges of unauthorized waste to Yreka

Creek, and prevent the threat to water quality that led to issuance of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1- 2004-0037.

4. This Regional Water Board action to rescind Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1-2007-0011 is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15016(b)(3) and 15321.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R1- 2004-0037 for City of Yreka is rescinded.

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

August 4, 2009