

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2011-0098

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER No. R1-2004-0097

For

GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
WDID No. 1B83120OHUM

Humboldt County

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

1. The Garberville Sanitary District (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates facilities for municipal wastewater collection and treatment serving the community of Garberville. The wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is located in Garberville, California; Township 4 South of the Humboldt Baseline, Range 3 East of the Humboldt Meridian, Section 24 at 44° 39' N latitude, 4° 32' E longitude. Treated WWTF effluent discharges to percolation ponds adjacent to the South Fork Eel River.
2. On November 29, 2004, the Regional Water Board issued Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2004-0097 to the Discharger for:
  - a. Chronic violation of effluent limitations; and
  - b. Hydraulic loading at the WWTF beyond design capacity.
3. Order No. R1-2004-0097 prohibited the addition of new flows of wastewater to the WWTF (after October 4, 2004) from new residential, commercial, industrial, and/or governmental connections, until such time that it could be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Board that more connections would not result in additional violations of the Discharger's waste discharge requirements.
4. Between November 2004 and September 2011, the Discharger:
  - a. Identified a preferred compliance alternative;
  - b. Completed environmental review and certified compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
  - c. Submitted WWTF design reports for review and concurrence;
  - d. Obtained financing; and
  - e. Completed construction of upgrades to the WWTF.
5. Documentation submitted by the Discharger and inspection of the WWTF confirm that actions necessary to provide adequate treatment capacity and improved ability to

meet effluent limitations found in waste discharge requirements for municipal waste received and treated at the WWTF have been met.

6. Regional Water Board action to rescind Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2004-0097 is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2004-0097 for the Discharger is rescinded and the prohibition on addition of new flows of wastewater to the WWTF no longer applies.

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

Catherine Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

November 3, 2011