

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2012-0006

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R1-2007-0015
WDID NO. 1B84083OMEN

REQUIRING FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM DISCHARGING WASTE CONTRARY TO
REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE NORTH COAST REGIONAL
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

Mendocino County

1. On April 26, 2007, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board issued Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2007-0015 to the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 (hereinafter the District) for the threatened discharge of untreated wastewater from the Pudding Creek Force Main into Pudding Creek, a water of the State, in violation of the District's waste discharge requirements and the Basin Plan. The Order contained requirements to investigate, design and implement facility upgrades to the Pudding Creek Force Main and contained a final compliance date of October 1, 2009.
2. The Pudding Creek Force Main was an 8-inch force main that ran approximately 2,900 feet from the Pudding Creek Pump Station, southward along the beach to Pudding Creek, south under Pudding Creek, and up the bluff where the pipeline terminates into a manhole at the intersection of Elm Street and Highway One. The force main had been a chronic source of sewer overflows and ruptures since 1985, and after heavy rains in January 2006 exposed a section of the force main buried under Pudding Creek, had become susceptible to damage or breakage from large floating debris.
3. To abate the threatened discharge, the District proposed a project to replace the Pudding Creek Force Main with a new 10-inch force main. In addition, the section of the force main running under Pudding Creek was to be abandoned and a new section attached to the roadway on the Highway One Bridge that spans Pudding Creek.
4. On August 15, 2011, an email from the City of Fort Bragg confirmed the completion of the project within the allotted time. Based on the available information, it is appropriate to rescind Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2007-0015.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2007-0015 is rescinded.

CERTIFICATION

I, Catherine Kuhlman, 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, North Coast Region, on January 19, 2012.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer