

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2012-0018

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER No. R1-2008-0110

For

THE CITY OF FERNDALE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
NPDES PERMIT No. CA0022721  
WDID No. 1B83136OHUM

Humboldt County

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

1. The City of Ferndale (hereinafter Discharger or City) owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and associated wastewater collection, reclamation, and disposal facilities that serve a population of 1,457 residential and commercial users. The WWTF is currently discharging under Order No. R1-2009-0034 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0022721 adopted on July 23, 2009.
2. On December 11, 2008, the Regional Water Board issued Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2008-0110 to the Discharger for chronic violations of:
  - a. Effluent discharge rate restrictions; and
  - b. Basin Plan requirements for implementation of point source measures in the North Coast Basin.
3. Between December 2008 and December 2011, the Discharger:
  - a. Submitted a request for a 1:1 discharge rate, which complied with Basin Plan variance requirements;
  - b. Submitted 50% design plans for upgrades to the WWTF;
  - c. Secured funding for the project;
  - d. Submitted final design plans for upgrades to the WWTF;
  - e. Obtained all required permits;
  - f. Constructed a new wastewater treatment facility; and
  - g. Achieved full compliance with Final Effluent Limitations.

4. Documentation submitted by the Discharger confirms that actions necessary to provide adequate treatment and ability to meet final effluent limitations found in Order No. R1-2009-0034 for waste received and treated at the WWTF have been met.
5. Regional Water Board action to rescind Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2008-0110 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THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2008-0110 for the Discharger is rescinded and the prohibition on addition of new flows of wastewater to the WWTF no longer applies.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

March 15, 2012