

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2010-0128

RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2003-0056
SACRAMENTO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1
COURTLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter referred to as "Central Valley Water Board") finds that:

1. Until recently, the Courtland Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) provided wastewater service for the community of Courtland. The WWTF is owned and operated by Sacramento County Sanitation District No. 1, which is known as Sacramento Area Sewer District as of 28 May 2010. The Sacramento Area Sewer District is hereafter referred to as Discharger.
2. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 94-188, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 24 June 1994, prescribes requirements for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater generated in Courtland.
3. On 25 April 2003, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2003-0056 for the Courtland WWTF because of pond berm seepage, pond berm instability, discharges of wastewater to surface water via a french drain system, and groundwater degradation.
4. The CDO required the Discharger to submit the following:
 - a. By 30 August 2003, a French Drain Discharge Elimination and Berm Seepage Management Plan.
 - b. By 1 June 2004, an Engineering Feasibility Study Report evaluating alternatives to correct the the violations.
 - c. By 30 March 2005, a Wastewater Facilities Plan.
 - d. By 1 June 2008, a report certifying full implementation of the approved Wastewater Facilities Plan.
5. The Discharger submitted the French Drain Discharge Elimination and Berm Seepage Management Plan on 30 October 2003 and the Feasibility Study Report on 23 February 2004. Both reports were approved by Central Valley Water Board staff on 7 April 2004. The Feasibility Study Report stated that the preferred alternative would be to close the Courtland WWTF and convey the wastewater to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) in Elk Grove. This plan and the subsequent Wastewater Facilities Plan in received September 2004 were also approved.

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6. The Discharger completed the required conveyance system and began pumping raw wastewater from Courtland to the SRWTP on 7 April 2009.
7. The Discharger submitted a closure plan for the Courtland WWTF in July 2009. The closure plan was approved on 12 August 2009. In a 6 October 2010 closure report, the Discharger stated that biosolids had been removed from the treatment ponds and properly disposed of; the inlet pipe to the treatment ponds had been cut off and capped; and the four groundwater monitoring wells had been properly destroyed in accordance with state and county requirements. These actions have effectively addressed the violations cited in the CDO, and the CDO is no longer necessary.
8. Central Valley Water Board has notified the Sacramento Area Sewer District and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind CDO R5-2003-0056 and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
9. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15321(a)(2).
10. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments and evidence pertaining to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Cease and Desist Order R5-2003-0056 is rescinded.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 10 December 2010.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer