CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2019-0013

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDERS NOS. 93-14, 94-14, AND R9-2009-0105

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

- 1. Order No. 93-14, Waste Discharge Requirements for Warner Springs Mobile Estates, San Diego County, established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS), which consists of a package plant described as a contact stabilization treatment system. The package plant consists of influent, aeration, and digester compartments. The package plant also includes a clarifier. The Warner Springs Mobile Estates is located within the City of Warner Springs in San Diego County. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 93-14 on October 13, 1994.
- 2. Ownership of Warner Springs Mobile Estates was transferred from Warner Springs Estates to Warner Springs Acquisition Association, Inc. on April 13, 1995.
- 3. Order No. 94-14, Waste Discharge Requirements for Thousand Trails, Inc. Oakzanita Springs Park, San Diego County, established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an OWTS, which consists of a Recreational Vehicle (RV) dump station, six septic tanks and six leach lines. The Oakzanita Springs Park is located within the City of Descanso in San Diego County. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 94-14 on April 14, 1994.
- 4. Order No. R9-2009-0105, Waste Discharge Requirements for the California Department of Transportation, District 11, Buckman Springs Safety Roadside Rest Area, San Diego County, established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an OWTS, which consisted of a 21,000 gallon septic tank serving the facility restrooms, a 5,000 gallon septic tank serving as a RV dump station, and a subsurface leach field system (leach field), which receives wastes from both septic tanks. The California Department of Transportation, District 11 (District 11) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on March 15, 2017 proposing upgrades to the system.
- 5. The upgrades proposed by District 11 to the OWTS at Buckman Springs would include eliminating the RV dump station and installing supplemental treatment technologies to the septic system serving the restrooms. The supplemental treatment would consist of a septic tank, up flow anaerobic filters, recirculating sand filter, two anoxic tanks for nitrogen removal, an effluent storage tank and new monitoring wells.

- 6. Orders Nos. 93-14, 94-14, and R9-2009-0105 must be revised or replaced to ensure that the discharges are regulated consistent with current State policy and requirements. Discharges from small OWTS such as these have certain common characteristics including similar constituents, constituent concentrations, disposal techniques, flow ranges, and they require the same or similar treatment standards. The State Water Resources Control Board issued Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (General Order) to regulate these types of discharges consistently throughout the State.
- 7. The discharges from the Oakzanita Springs Park and Warner Springs Estates OWTS are eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information provided in monitoring reports and information obtained during compliance inspections conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on July 26, 2017 and December 20, 2016, respectively. As such, the discharges from the Oakzanita Springs Park and Warner Springs Estates OWTS are more appropriately regulated under the General Order.
- 8. The discharge from Buckman Springs Roadside Rest Area OWTS is eligible for enrollment in the General Order based on information provided in monitoring reports and the ROWD submitted to the San Diego Water Board on March 15, 2017. As such, the discharge from the Buckman Springs Roadside Rest Area OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the General Order.
- 9. The San Diego Water Board has issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for enrollment in the General Order of Oakzanita Springs Park to Thousand Trails, Inc. prior to the board meeting on April 10, 2019. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order shall coincide with the date of adoption of this rescission Order.
- 10. The San Diego Water Board has issued an NOA for enrollment in the General Order of Warner Springs Estates to Warner Springs Acquisition Association, Inc prior to the board meeting on April 10, 2019. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order shall coincide with the date of adoption of this rescission Order.
- 11. The San Diego Water Board has issued an NOA for enrollment in the General Order of Buckman Springs Roadside Rest Area to District 11 prior to the board meeting on April 10, 2019. The NOA's effective date of enrollment in the General Order shall coincide with the date of adoption of this rescission Order.
- 12. Pursuant to the title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15301, Warner Springs Mobile Estates, Oakazanita Springs Park, and District 11 are exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act because adoption of Order No. R9-2019-0013 will not involve any expansion or modification of the existing facilities. Adoption of Order No. R9-2019-0013 will not have any significant impact on the environment and therefore is in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

13. The San Diego Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Orders Nos. 93-14, 94-14, and R9-2009-0105.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Orders Nos. 93-14, 94-14, and R9-2009-0105 are rescinded.

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on May 8, 2019.

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David W. Gibson, Executive Officer