CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 98-083
RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 92-050
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA 0028207 FOR:

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, hereinafter called the Board, finds that:

1. The Contra Costa Water District, hereinafter called the Discharger, submitted a written request received by the Board on April 22, 1998, which requested the Board to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 92-050 and as extended by a letter dated June 12, 1997, NPDES Permit No. CA 0028207.

2 The Discharger was issued the permit on May 20, 1992. The permit authorized the discharge of wastes from its water softening plant located in Martinez, Contra Costa County under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The permit was administratively extended on June 12, 1997 to remain effective and enforceable through May 20, 2002.

3. The water softening plant was constructed in 1978 and was originally designed to reclaim treated municipal wastewater from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and provide the reclaimed water to local industries for cooling towers, boilers, and construction use. The plant has not been used as originally intended and was operational only during a demonstration phase of the project from July through December of 1988. Further, in February 1998, the Discharger sold the plant equipment. Thus, the discharge covered by the subject permit did not and will not occur.

4. This action, to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements, is categorically exempted from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.

5. The Board has notified the discharger and all interested agencies and persons of its intent under California Water Code Section 13381 to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements for the site, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments.

6. The Board, at a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for the site.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 13381 of the California Water Code, that Waste Discharge Requirements issued by Order No. 92-050 and as extended by the June 12, 1997 letter is hereby rescinded.

I, Loretta K. Barsamian, 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, San Francisco Bay Region, on August 19, 1998.

Loretta K. Barsamian
Executive Officer