CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER No. R2-2015-0044

RESCISSION OF ORDER No. R2-2014-0001 (NPDES No. CA0038865) for:

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pulgas Dechloramination Facility 66 Cañada Road, Redwood City, San Mateo County

WHEREAS the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board), finds that:

- 1. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Discharger) owns and operates the Pulgas dechloramination facility, which removes chloramine, a disinfectant, from drinking water. The facility is part of the Discharger's regional water supply system that serves 2.6 million Bay Area residents, including 28 wholesale customers.
- On January 15, 2014, the Regional Water Board issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0038865 for the Discharger through Order No. R2-2014-0001. The Order permitted discharges of dechloraminated drinking water into Crystal Springs Reservoir.
- 3. On November 18, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ (General NPDES Permit No. CAG140001) for various discharges from community water systems, including discharges from many water treatment facilities. The Discharger has applied for coverage under Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ for the same discharges covered under Order No. R2-2014-0001. Therefore, Order No. R2-2014-0001 can be rescinded.
- 4. Pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this rescission is exempt from the provisions of CEQA since it does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment because it will no longer authorize discharges.
- 5. The Regional Water Board notified the Discharger and other interested persons of its intent to rescind Order No. R2-2014-0001 and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and participate in a public hearing.
- 6. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of Order No. R2-2014-0001.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that Order No. R2-2014-0001 is rescinded, except for enforcement purposes, upon the effective date of an authorization to discharge granted for the same discharges pursuant to Order No. 2014-0194-DWQ.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, 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 Francisco Bay Region, on November 18, 2015.

Bruce H. Wolfe Executive Officer