

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2008-XXXX

RESCISSION OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2005-0147
(NPDES NO. CA0085154)
AND
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER NO. R5-2005-0148
FOR

VISALIA MEDICAL CLINIC, INC.
TULARE COUNTY

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

1. Visalia Medical Clinic, Inc. (hereafter Discharger), a California corporation, owns and operates an outpatient medical clinic at 5400 West Hillsdale Avenue in Visalia, California. The Discharger discharged up to approximately 235,000 gallons per day of untreated, non-contact cooling water from air conditioning units to Mill Creek, a water of the United States. The discharge contained residual chlorine, though the Discharger did not add chemicals to its cooling water. The residual chlorine in the discharge was likely from the supply water, which was potable water provided by California Water Service Company.
2. On 21 October 2005, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2005-0147 (NPDES No. CA0085154) and the companion Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R5-2005-0148 for the Discharger. The TSO required the Discharger to develop, submit, and implement methods to comply with new chlorine effluent limitation in WDRs Order No. R5-2005-0147 by 23 October 2006.
3. By letters of 20 November 2005 and 5 October 2006, the Discharger advised Regional Water Board staff of its plans to construct a cooling tower, which would eliminate the discharge to Mill Creek.
4. On 15 March 2007, Regional Water Board staff received a written request from the Law Offices of Houk & Hornburg, LLP on behalf of the Discharger to rescind Order Nos. R5-2005-0147 and R5-2005-0148. The request stated that a cooling tower had been installed and became operational on 26 February 2007, thereby eliminating the discharge to Mill Creek.
5. The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind WDRs Order No. R5-2005-0147 and TSO Order No.

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R5-2005-0148 and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

6. 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 Section 15321(a)(2), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0147 (NPDES No. CA0085154) and Time Schedule Order No. R5-2005-0148 are 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 _____.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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