

6144 FEDERAL BLVD., SAN DIEGO — PUBLIC RECORDS FILE

Section 11.70 · United Rentals (North America), Inc. dba Reliable Onsite Services — Sewage Disposal Records

Date	June 30 – July 7, 2026 (emails); produced July 8, 2026
Agency	California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Region 9) — production of County DEHQ correspondence
Request No.	Produced in response to CPRA request of July 2, 2026
Status	OPEN
Description	Records produced by the Regional Water Board: an email chain between County DEHQ and Regional Board staff, June 30 – July 7, 2026, discussing the United Rentals holding tank — its permitting status and where the collected waste is taken.

Summary

This is a Public Records Act production: an email chain between County of San Diego DEHQ (Land & Water Quality) staff and San Diego Regional Water Board (Region 9) staff, dated June 30 – July 7, 2026, produced in response to the requester's July 2 request. In it, the County discusses whether the above-ground holding tank at 6144 Federal Blvd. can be permitted, and the collected waste is described as "transported mainly to the El Cajon Dump station." It is reproduced here as received.

Related records (Section 11.70): Regional Water Board CPRA request; County DEHQ PRA 26-3709; United Rentals sewage hauler permit (permit destination: Pump Station #1).

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From: Osibodu, Fisayo@Waterboards
To: ["McCullough, Jamelle"](mailto:McCullough, Jamelle); Izadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards
Cc: Liwag, Ernie; Johnson, Ryan; Lee, Joann
Subject: RE: [External] RE: UNITED RENTALS/DBA RELIABLE ONSITE SERVICES - DEHQ permitted sewage hauler
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 10:52:00 AM
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[image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image011.png](#)

Thanks for the information, Jemelle. I will be available for a phone call any time between 330pm and 5 pm today or between 10am and 12pm tomorrow.



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Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 9:20 AM
To: Osibodu, Fisayo@Waterboards <Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov>; Izadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards <Mahsa.Izadmehr@Waterboards.ca.gov>
Cc: Liwag, Ernie <Ernie.Liwag2@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Johnson, Ryan <Ryan.Johnson@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Lee, Joann <Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: UNITED RENTALS/DBA RELIABLE ONSITE SERVICES - DEHQ permitted sewage hauler

Hi Fisayo,

[See responses below.](#)

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From: Osibodu, Fisayo@Waterboards <Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 8:55 AM

To: McCullough, Jamelle <Jamelle.McCullough@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Izadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards <Mahsa.Izadmehr@Waterboards.ca.gov>

Cc: Lee, Joann <Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Liwag, Ernie <Ernie.Liwag2@sdcounty.ca.gov>

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Hi Jamelle,

The RV parks we regulate under WDRs also have septic tanks connected to leach fields or seepage pits. In those cases, there is a discharge to land and potential impact to groundwater. I have a few questions:

- What's the volume of the holding tank? [40,000 gallons](#)
- Is the holding tank meant to be temporary or is it part of permanent operations? [The holding tank serves as temporary storage of sewage collected from port-a-potties. Sewage is transferred as needed from the 40,000 gallon tank to their 4,000 gallon trailer and transported to the El Cajon Dump Station. Depending on the need they might make multiple trips a day from the yard to dump in El Cajon. It serves as temporary storage for a permanent operation.](#)
- Does the facility have any plans to connect to the sewer system? [I am not certain, but I believe the office, may be connected to City of San Diego sewer. We do not have any septic records and would need to confirm with City of San Diego Public Utilities if this parcel is served by their public sewer.](#)
- Are the contents of the holding tank pumped out and hauled offsite to the City of San

Diego's pump station or another facility? [Yes, the contents are transferred to a 4,000 gallon trailer and transported mainly to the El Cajon Dump station.](#)

It may be helpful to have a quick call to discuss this facility. [I think a call would be helpful, do you have availability today? We will be responding to a public record request tomorrow.](#)
[@Lee, Joann](#) and [@Ryan Johnson](#) are you available for a call today?

Thanks,



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From: McCullough, Janelle <Janelle.McCullough@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 8:38 AM

To: Osibodu, Fisayo@Waterboards <Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov>; IZadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards <Mahsa.IZadmehr@Waterboards.ca.gov>

Cc: Lee, Joann <Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Liwag, Ernie <Ernie.Liwag2@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: UNITED RENTALS/DBA RELIABLE ONSITE SERVICES - DEHQ permitted sewage hauler

Good morning Fisayo,

Thanks for your email. DEHQ is able to permit holding tanks under very specific situations, see ordinance and snip from LAMP below. I do not believe this operation meets the outlined criteria. I understand that your department permits holding tanks that do not discharge to land or surface water, such as for RV dump stations. I was wondering if the sewage holding tank we have been discussing would fall under that category of use?

SEC. 68.320. TEMPORARY USE OF HOLDING TANKS.

The Director may issue a permit authorizing a property owner to temporarily install a holding tank in lieu of an on-site wastewater treatment system if: (a) public sewer is not available, (b) an OWTS is not practicable and (c) the Director determines that the property will be

able to connect to a public sewer within 24 months of the permit application. The Director may issue a permit for a holding tank for up to 24 months and may grant one extension for up to an additional 12 months if the Director determines the property owner has been unable to connect with the sewer through no fault of the property owner. An annual operating permit is required to ensure proper maintenance of the system.

1. Temporary Holding Tank Requirements

1.1 A holding tank may be permitted in lieu of an OWTS if public sewer is not available, an OWTS is not practicable; and the Director determines that the property will be able to connect to public sewer within 24 months of the permit application.

1.2 A permit is required to install temporary holding tanks and is valid for 24 months. The Director may grant one extension for up to an additional 12 months if it is determined the holding tank is being properly maintained and the property owner has been unable to connect with the sewer through no fault of the property owner.



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Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 2:53 PM

To: McCullough, Jamelle <Jamelle.McCullough@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Izadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards <Mahsa.Izadmehr@Waterboards.ca.gov>

Cc: Lee, Joann <Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Liwag, Ernie <Ernie.Liwag2@sdcounty.ca.gov>

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Hi Jamelle,

My initial thought is the above ground holding tank would not need to be permitted by the Regional Board since there isn't a discharge to land or surface waters. You may be able to refer the odor complaints to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District or the California Air Resources Board. If the operation is connected to the City of San Diego's sewer system, the City of San Diego's pretreatment program staff may be able to investigate the issue. However, I assume the operation may not be connected to the sewer system since they have an above ground holding tank.

Thanks,



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From: McCullough, Janelle <Janelle.McCullough@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 11:59 AM

To: IZadmehr, Mahsa@Waterboards <Mahsa.IZadmehr@Waterboards.ca.gov>; Osibodu, Fisayo@Waterboards <Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov>

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Good morning Masha and Fisayo,

Last week DEHQ received concerns regarding odors coming from a sewage hauler operation that utilized an above ground sewage holding tank as part of their operation. UNITED RENTALS/DBA RELIABLE ONSITE SERVICES is located at 6144 Federal Blvd in San Diego (APN: 543-020-31,36, & 37) and holds a DEHQ annual operating permit (DEH2020-LSHOP-000063) to collect and transport sewage in San Diego County. Their fleet includes a total of 23 trucks with yards in both Vista and San Diego.

Our staff performed a site investigation yesterday and did not observe any issues with the pumper trucks stored in the yard but did detect a sewage odor when he was within 2 feet of the holding tank. At the time of his visit, he did not observe any pooling of sewage on the ground. The DEHQ permit they hold does not include the design and operation of an above ground sewage holding tank. Can you confirm whether operation of a sewage holding tank would require referral to the Regional Board for permitting? If so, can you provide contact details for the person or working group so that we can make the referral? We would also like to provide this information to the complainant and site operator.

The reporting party has reached out to many agencies and is continuing to escalate their concerns. They have now involved the media as well.

Thank you,



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Analysis — What this record shows

Regional Water Board (Region 9) — produced email chain with County DEHQ, June 30 – July 7, 2026

This section explains what the attached production shows. The attached pages are a public-records production — an email chain among County and Regional Water Board staff. This commentary is not an agency record. It addresses public agencies' written statements and a public permit filing; it does not allege that any private party has violated the law.

What the production is

An email chain, June 30 – July 7, 2026, between County of San Diego DEHQ — Land & Water Quality staff and San Diego Regional Water Board (Region 9) staff, discussing the above-ground sewage holding tank at 6144 Federal Blvd. It was produced in response to the July 2 Public Records Act request.

Whether any agency permits the tank

The County — the same agency that issued the sewage-hauler permit — writes that it “does not believe this operation meets the outlined criteria” for a temporary holding tank under County ordinance Section 68.320. That ordinance allows a holding tank only where public sewer is not available, an on-site wastewater system is not practicable, and the property can connect to public sewer within 24 months. In the same chain, the Regional Board's initial view is that the above-ground tank would not require a Regional Board permit. On this record, neither agency identifies a permit that covers the tank.

Where the waste is said to go

The chain contains the first named disposal destination in the record: the collected waste is described as transferred to a 4,000-gallon trailer and “transported mainly to the El Cajon Dump station,” with multiple trailer trips to empty the tank. That destination differs from the facility named on the operator's own sewage-hauler permit application (Pump Station #1, 3550 East Harbor Drive, San Diego), which was signed under penalty of perjury. El Cajon does not appear on that application.

Tank size

In the same correspondence the County describes the tank as a 40,000-gallon holding tank.

Bottom line

On this record: the County that issued the hauler permit states the permit does not cover the holding tank and that the tank appears not to qualify under the County's holding-tank ordinance; the Regional Board initially sees no Regional Board permit requirement; and the collected waste is described as going “mainly to the El Cajon Dump station,” a destination that does not appear on the operator's permit application. Whether the tank is permitted by any agency, and where the waste is in fact taken, are the open questions these records raise.