

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION
De Minimis Impact Finding**

Project Title/Location Name and Address of Project Proponent (include county)

State Water Resources Control Board, Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ
Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges to Land

Project Description

The project is the adoption of statewide general waste discharge requirements for discharges of waste to land with a low threat to water quality. Low threat discharges are defined, in general, as low volume discharges with pollutant concentrations that are less than the applicable California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) groundwater quality objectives. Basin Plan groundwater quality objectives have been developed by each Regional Board to protect the beneficial uses of underlying groundwater.

Findings of Exemption

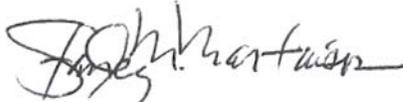
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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
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2. In accordance with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) policies regarding the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, SWRCB has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. When considering the record as a whole, there is no evidence before SWRCB that the proposed project will have any potential for an adverse effect on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends.
4. SWRCB has rebutted the presumption of adverse effect contained in the Fish and Game regulations on the basis of substantial evidence.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the lead agency has made the above findings of fact and that, based upon the initial study and hearing record, the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

 3/9/03

Stan Martinson, Chief
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board