STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14-15, 2012

(Prepared on February 22, 2012)

ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Crop Production

Services, Goleta (Order No. 92-74) and enrollment in the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Fertilizer and Pesticide Handling

Facilities (Order No. R3-2005-0001)

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KEY INFORMATION

Discharger Crop Production Services, 34 S. Kellogg Avenue, Goleta, Santa Barbara

County

Discharge Type: Fertilizer and pesticide residues

Treatment: None

Disposal: Farm application and hauling for off-site disposal

Existing Orders: Individual WDR Order No. 92-74

This Action: Rescind Individual Order and enroll in Regionwide General Order

DISCUSSION

Order No. 92-74, Waste Discharge Requirements for Crop Production Services (formerly Western Farm Service, Inc.) was adopted by the Central Coast Water Board on July 10, 1992, and regulates wastewater discharges from the Crop Production Services facility at 35 South Kellogg Avenue in Goleta, Santa Barbara County. At the Crop Production Services Goleta facility, all fertilizers and pesticides are contained in storage vessels or buildings providing protection from storm runoff, drainage to waterways, or percolation to underlying groundwater. Fertilizer and pesticide-containing rinse water is applied with product to agricultural land. After review of the historical and current discharge data, Water Board staff determined that the wastewater discharge meets all the requirements for enrollment under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Fertilizer and Pesticide Handling Facilities, Order No. R3-2005-0001. Therefore, Order No. 92-74 is no longer necessary and can be rescinded.

The General Order implements applicable Water Board prohibitions, discharge specifications, management practices, and provisions to protect water quality. When the discharge is regulated by the General Order, the individual waste discharge requirements will not be necessary, and, therefore, Water Board staff recommends that the Central Coast Water Board rescind Order No. 92-74.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Waste Discharge Requirements for existing facilities are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resource Code, Section 21100 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Administrative Code.

COMMENTS

By letter dated November 14, 2011, staff notified the Discharger of its recommendation to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 92-74 and approved enrollment of the Discharger under the General Order. No comments have been received regarding this proposed action.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 92-74.

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