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SUBJECT: City of Willows and ECO Resources, Inc.
Willows Wastewater Treatment Plant
Glenn County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2006-0010*

BACKGROUND: The City of Willows owns a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the City of Willows and the Northeast Willows Community Service District. ECO Resources, Inc. operates the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) for the City of Willows in Glenn County.

Upgrades were completed that increased the level of treatment provided by the WWTP to meet requirements of the existing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). The upgrades included influent screening, extended aeration activated sludge with secondary clarifiers, continuous backwash filters, disinfection/dechlorination, equalization and emergency storage ponds, and sludge storage lagoons. The existing permit required the WWTP effluent to comply with Department of Health Services Recycled Water Regulations. Prior to the upgrade, an average of 1.22 million gallons per day of treated municipal wastewater was discharged to Agricultural Drain C (Discharge Point 001). After the upgrade was complete the Discharger was permitted to discharge to the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Lateral 26-2 (Discharge Point 002). Both Agricultural Drain C and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Lateral 26-2 are tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. The existing WDRs extended the time for completing the upgrades from the 1 March 2006 deadline in the existing WDRs until 1 March 2007 because of difficulties the Discharger experienced in securing funding for the upgrades.

Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R5-2006-0010 adopted by the Regional Water Board on 26 January 2006, provided a time schedule for the Discharger to comply with the effluent limitations for ammonia by 1 March 2007. Since April 2007, all monthly monitoring for ammonia revealed that final effluent limitations for ammonia have been met.

The proposed Order rescinds the CDO, since all requirements of the CDO have been met.

ISSUES: This item is uncontested at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____

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