

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2005-0042

Recision of Waste Discharge Requirements
and
Monitoring And Reporting Programs Order Nos. 90-216 and 99-67

For

Annapolis Milling Company
Annapolis, California

and

The Barlow Company and City of Sebastopol
Sebastopol, California

Sonoma County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region
(hereinafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

Annapolis Milling Company

1. In December 1985, the Regional Water adopted Order No. 85-176 for the Annapolis Milling Company facility located in Annapolis, Sonoma County.
2. In December 1990, the Regional Water Board rescinded Order No. 85-176 and adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 90-216, WDID No. 1B85027RSON, for the Annapolis Milling Company (hereinafter Annapolis).
3. Annapolis operated a conventional sawmill in western Sonoma County. The facility consisted of a sawmill, equipment maintenance shed, and a five-acre dry log deck. The mill is situated at the headwaters of the unnamed tributary to Buckeye Creek, which is a major tributary to the South Fork Gualala River.
4. Waste Discharge Requirements were issued for the sawmill primarily to address storm water runoff from the milling areas and log deck. No industrial wastewaters were generated at the facility, and domestic wastes were discharged to a septic tank/leachfield system.

5. On December 12, 2003, the Regional Water Board received a letter from Annapolis indicating that the sawmill had ceased all industrial activities as of October 15, 2002. Practices to ensure that all associated storm water runoff discharges do not pose a pollutant threat to Buckeye Creek have been inspected and confirmed by Regional Water Board staff.
6. On December 29, 2003, the permittee communicated to the Regional Water Board in writing a request to rescind Order 90-216.

The Barlow Company

7. In September 1999, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-67, WDID No. 1B81019OSON, for the Barlow Company and the City of Sebastopol, for the Barlow Apple Processing Facility located at 200 Morris Street, Sebastopol, Sonoma County.
8. The Barlow Company operated an apple processing and canning plant with associated wastewater treatment, consisting of solids screening, belt press filters, bacterial fermentors, aerobic digester and clarifier.
9. The wastewater treatment portion of the facility provided advanced primary treatment for up to 100,000 gallons per day of industrial processing wastewater, consisting primarily of washwater and cooling water. Treated effluent was either spray irrigated on land owned by the City of Sebastopol or discharged to the City of Santa Rosa's Laguna Treatment Plant when the sprayfield was too moist to irrigate.
10. The Barlow Company's industrial waste disposal system consists of industrial waste collection mains, a lift station, a force main connecting the waste treatment plant to the 41-acre irrigation sprayfield, located across the Laguna from the Barlow Company's facility, and a connection to Sebastopol's sewage system.
11. On November 3, 2004, the Regional Water Board received a letter from the City of Sebastopol, indicating that all industrial activities at the Barlow Company's facility had ceased as of January 2004. All associated industrial discharges to the sprayfield or to the City of Santa Rosa treatment plant had also ceased as of that date.
12. The Barlow Company property was sold to a new owner in July of 2004. On September 13, 2004, the City of Sebastopol's agreement with the Barlow Company for the use of the Industrial Waste Disposal system was officially terminated. The City has indicated that use of the sprayfield will no longer be permitted, and the connection to the sprayfield will be disabled.
13. In its November 3, 2004, correspondence, the City of Sebastopol requested termination of Order 99-67.

14. The action to rescind waste discharge requirements is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), at Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3). The Regional Water Board finds that this action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
15. The Regional Water Board has notified the permittee and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind Orders No. 90-216 and 99-67 and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
16. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 90-216, Waste Discharge Requirements for The Annapolis Milling Company, WDID No. 1B85027RSON; and Order No. 99-67, Waste Discharge Requirements for the Barlow Company, WDID No. 1B810190SON be rescinded.

Certification

I, Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 22, 2005

Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer