

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

RESOLUTION NO. R1-2012-0052

APPROVING THE INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

AND

ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR

WASTE DISCHARGE/RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PETALUMA TRAINING CENTER
WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND RECLAMATION FACILITY

SONOMA COUNTY

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

1. The United States Coast Guard Petaluma Training Center submitted a Report of Waste Discharge on May 20, 2011, to the Regional Water Board describing plans to upgrade the domestic wastewater treatment facility (hereinafter Facility) that serves the Training Center and to expand the agricultural reclamation system and add an urban reclamation system (hereinafter the proposed Project); and
2. The proposed Project requires issuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) by the Regional Water Board and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
3. The Regional Water Board is the lead agency under CEQA in connection with the proceeding to consider issuing waste discharge requirements for discharges to land (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21000-21177); and
4. The U.S. Coast Guard prepared an Environmental Assessment-Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA-IS/MND) for the proposed Project in order to meet federal requirements pursuant to NEPA and state requirements pursuant to CEQA. The EA-IS/MND evaluated the environmental impacts to groundwater and surface water quality associated with the construction and use of its proposed wastewater treatment, storage and reclamation facilities. The EA-IS/MND addresses cumulative and growth-inducing impacts, and identified mitigation measures to be implemented to ensure that project impacts are less than significant. Mitigation measures necessary to reduce or eliminate significant impacts on the environment will be included as enforceable conditions in the waste discharge requirements in WDR Order No. R1-2012-0033; and

5. On April 15, 2008, the EA-IS/MND was sent to the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2008 044001) and all pertinent local responsible agencies as required by CEQA; and
6. On January 25-27, 2009, the Regional Water Board's notice of intent to adopt the EA-IS/MND was published in a newspaper of general circulation and sent to all interested persons in compliance with section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
7. On February 2, 2012, the Regional Water Board also published a public notice of its intent to adopt the EA-IS/MND and WDRs for the proposed Project and made the proposed WDRs available on its website; and
8. The Regional Water Board considered all testimony and evidence presented at a public hearing held on April 26, 2012; and
9. The mitigated negative declaration reflects the Regional Water Board's independent judgment and analysis; and
10. After considering the document and comments received during the public review process, the Regional Water Board hereby determines that the proposed project, with mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Water Board hereby approves the environmental assessment/initial study and adopts the mitigated negative declaration prepared for the proposed Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Water Board hereby directs the Regional Water Board Executive Officer to file all appropriate notices, including a notice of determination in accordance with title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15096(i) within five days of adoption of the waste discharge requirements.

Certification

I, Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on April 26, 2012.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer