

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2012-0007

Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements

For

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
(formerly Luther Burbank Center for the Arts)
Wastewater Treatment Facility
Order No. 96-40, WDID No. 1B82012OSON
Sonoma County

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department
Monte Rio Wastewater Treatment Facility
Order No. R1-2002-0009, WDID No. 1B01021RSON
Sonoma County

LEAP Now
(formerly New Education Development Systems, Inc.)
Camp Maacama
Order No. 88-148, WDID No. 1B78185OSON
Sonoma County

USDI Redwood National Park
Requa Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Order No. 91-23, WDID No. 1A83145ODN
Del Norte County

California Department of Water Resources
Rorabaugh Lease
Order No. 87-4, WDID No. 1B82100OSON
Sonoma County

Fulton Processors, Inc.
Order No. R1-2005-0069, WDID No. 1B801790SON
Sonoma County

Gualala Aggregates, Inc.
Order No. 83-078, WDID No. 1B83078OSON
Sonoma County

Piombo Corporation
Windsor River Pit
Order No. 84-13, WDID No. 1B84013OSON
Sonoma County

Redwood Empire, Inc.
Order No. 89-76, WDID No. 1B89014RSON
Sonoma County

Syar Industries, Inc.
(formerly Healdsburg Sand and Gravel)
Order No. 89-96, WDID No. 1B83021OSON
Sonoma County

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

Domestic Waste Discharges

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Wastewater Treatment Facility

1. The Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation owned and operated a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) system serving the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts (formerly known as the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts) located at 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. The discharge from the WWTF was authorized by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 96-40, adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 27, 1996.
2. On January 22, 2010, the Regional Water Board received a closure plan for the decommissioning of the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts WWTF. Regional Water Board staff concurred with the closure plan in a letter dated July 22, 2010. The approved decommissioning activities were completed in February of 2011.
3. Wastewater generated at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is currently sent to the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup WWTF for treatment and disposal. The discharge of waste has ceased and the WWTF has been decommissioned. The requirements contained in Order No. 96-40 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Monte Rio Wastewater Treatment Facility

4. The Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department (SCPRMD) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the proposed Monte Rio

Wastewater Treatment Facility in March of 2001. The discharge of waste from the WWTF was authorized by WDRs Order No. R1-2002-0009, adopted by the Regional Water Board on March 28, 2002.

5. In February of 2008, SCPRMD requested that WDRs Order No. R1-2002-0009 be rescinded because the proposed WWTF would not be constructed and a discharge would not be taking place.

New Education Development Systems, Inc. Camp Maacama

6. The New Education Development Systems, Inc. owned and operated a small wastewater treatment and disposal system serving a year-round camp facility, Camp Maacama, located along Highway 128 east of Alexander Valley and west of Knights Valley in Sonoma County. The discharge from the system was authorized by WDRs Order No. 88-148, adopted by the Regional Water Board on December 1, 1988.
7. In 2007, the facility was purchased by Lifelong Education Alternatives and Programs (LEAP) Now, an alternative education program focusing on travels abroad. The new property owner no longer operates the facility as a year round camp. Discharge from the facility is currently regulated under the Basin Plan Policy for the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices with oversight by the Sonoma County Permit Resources Management Department. The requirements contained in Order No. 88-148 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

USDI Redwood National Park

8. The United States Department of Interior, Redwood National Park Services owned and operated a small WWTF system serving a residential complex near Requa in Del Norte County. The discharge from the WWTF was authorized by WDRs Order No. 91-23, adopted by the Regional Water Board on February 28, 1991.
9. On September 30, 2009, the residential complex was officially closed. The WWTF was decommissioned and the buildings it served were dismantled. A follow up inspection by Regional Water Board staff on September 25, 2009, confirmed closure of the facility. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. 91-23 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Industrial Waste Discharges

California Department of Water Resources, the Rorabaugh Lease

10. The California Department of Water Resources was engaged in geothermal well drilling and exploration, transportation of geothermal steam, and disposal of waste condensate at a location known as the Rorabaugh Lease, in the Geysers Geothermal production area of Sonoma County. Waste produced during site preparation and during drilling operations, was authorized for discharge by WDRs Order No. 87-4, adopted by the Regional Water Board on January 22, 1987.
11. The mud sumps were closed and capped in November 1993 and the Department of Water Resources prepared a draft initial study and proposed negative declaration for the Decommissioning of the Power Plant and Termination of the Steam Field Lease in September 1998. The steam wells have been plugged and abandoned in place by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. 87-4 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Fulton Processors, Inc.

12. Fulton Processors, Inc. owned and operated a WWTF serving the Fulton Processors poultry processing plant located at 1200 River Road, Fulton in Sonoma County. The discharge from the WWTF was authorized by WDRs Order No. R1-2005-0069, adopted by the Regional Water Board on August 10, 2005.
13. In July of 2010, Fulton Processors, Inc. informed Regional Water Board staff that all operations had ceased at the processing plant and that Order No. R1-2005-0069 was no longer required. As part of the facility closure process, Fulton Processors was required to clean the wastewater aeration lagoons. Residual solids were removed from the ponds and land applied to an adjacent pasture land as authorized in Order No. R1-2005-0069. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. R1-2005-0069 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Gualala Aggregates, Inc.

14. Gualala Aggregates, Inc. historically operated a sand and gravel plant located adjacent to the South Fork Gualala River west of Annapolis. Waste discharged from the sand and gravel extraction, washing, and processing activities, was authorized by WDRs Order No. 83-078, adopted by the Regional Water Board on July 28, 1983.

15. On August 10, 2009, Gualala Aggregates informed the Regional Water Board that the company was no longer in business and requested rescission of Order No. 83-078. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. 83-078 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Piombo Corporation for Windsor River Pit

16. Piombo Corporation historically operated a sand and gravel extraction operation adjacent to the Russian River, at a site known as the Windsor River Pit. Waste discharged from the sand and gravel extraction, washing, and processing activities was authorized by WDRs Order No. 84-13, adopted by the Regional Water Board on March 29, 1984.
17. Piombo Corporation has stopped all sand and gravel extraction activities at the Windsor River Pit site. A follow up inspection by Regional Water Board staff on February 2, 2011, confirmed closure of the facility and the discontinuance of any sand or gravel extraction activities. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. 84-13 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Redwood Empire, Inc

18. Redwood Empire, Inc. operates a lumbermill adjacent to Highway 101, north of the City of Cloverdale. During periods of rainfall, storm water runoff from the millyard and log deck discharges to Oat Valley Creek, a tributary to the Russian River. The discharge is authorized by WDRs Order No. 89-76, adopted by the Regional Water Board on May 24, 1989.
19. On April 21, 1992, Redwood Empire, Inc. submitted a Notice of Intent for coverage of the lumbermill facility under National Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit No. CAS0000001: Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities Excluding Construction Activities (General Industrial Storm Water NPDES Permit). To date, storm water discharges from the lumbermill to Oat Valley Creek are authorized as per the facilities enrollment in the General Industrial Storm Water NPDES Permit.
20. The requirements contained in Order No. 89-76 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.

Syar Industries, Inc., dba. Healdsburg Sand and Gravel

21. Syar Industries, Inc. (dba. Healdsburg Sand and Gravel) historically operated a sand and gravel plant located adjacent to the Russian River south of Healdsburg.

Waste discharged from the sand and gravel extraction, washing, and processing activities was authorized by WDRs Order No. 89-96, adopted by the Regional Water Board on August 24, 1989.

22. On August 2, 1994, Syar Industries, Inc. provided a Notice of Termination to the Regional Water Board. The notice informed the Board that Syar Industries, Inc. no longer operated at the property and that all sand and gravel processing equipment had been removed. The discharge of waste has ceased and the requirements contained in Order No. 89-96 are no longer needed for the protection of water quality.
23. This action to rescind WDRs is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b). Based on the foregoing findings and the facts underlying them, this action to rescind WDRs cannot reasonably be expected to have any potentially significant adverse effect on the environment.
24. On January 19, 2012, after due notice to the Dischargers and all other affected persons, the Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing and evidence was received regarding rescission of the WDRs.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. 96-40, R1-2002-0009, 88-148, 91-23, 87-4, R1-2005-0069, 83-078, 84-13, 89-76, 89-96 and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs 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 January 19, 2012.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer