

ATTACHMENT A
CATEGORICAL WAIVERS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADOPTION OF NORTH COAST
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. R1-2012-0099

Waiver Category	Waiver Conditions (Note General Waiver Conditions Below**)
Test Pumping of Fresh Water Wells	Residual chlorine is not present and no other pollutants are present or added, and the well is not part of a groundwater cleanup project.
Discharge from Flushing of Domestic Water Lines and Tanks	Residual chlorine is not present and no toxic pollutants are present. Best Management Practices will be used to control potential erosion.
Discharge from Hydrostatic Test Lines	Project is not expected to have a significant water quality impact, no residual chlorine is present, and Best Management Practices will be used to control potential erosion.
Air-conditioner, Non-contact Cooling and Elevated Temperature Water	Discharge to land only and not to a storm drain system, where no water quality problems are anticipated and discharge rates do not result in erosion or any water quality impact.
Minor Dredging and Fill Operations	Discharges are short-term, do not result in net loss of wetlands or beneficial uses, spoil or fill is non-toxic and discharged to land, and operations are not governed by General WDRs.
Confined Animal Wastes	Discharger complies with the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Article 1. Confined animal waste operations requiring NPDES permits under federal Clean Water Act regulations and cow dairies constructed and operating as of January 19, 2012, that have subsequently undergone no expansion in size of their facilities are subject to regulation under the North Coast Regional Water Board Dairy & Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Program and are not eligible for a waiver under this policy.
Storm Water Runoff	Storm water runoff is not governed by statewide regulations, no water quality problems are anticipated and no NPDES permit is required.
Non-Commercial One-Time Sand and Gravel Operations and Processing	Operations wash waters are confined to land and stockpiles are protected from storm flows. Projects shall comply with applicable local policies. Commercial operations are subject to WDRs and/or storm water regulations, and are not eligible for this waiver.
Swimming Pool Discharges	Discharges to land only, where beneficial water uses will not be affected. General permit shall be used for other discharges as appropriate.

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Food Processing Wastes Spread on Land	Small, seasonal, applied at agronomic rates and confined to land where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Agricultural Commodity Wastes	Small, seasonal, applied at agronomic rates and confined to land where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Industrial Wastes Utilized for Soil Amendments	Industry certifies inert, non-toxic and non-hazardous content, no water quality problems are anticipated, and discharger complies with California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1.
Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Small Community, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Operations which Utilize On-site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal for Domestic Wastes	Project has approval of local permitting agencies and complies with the Basin Plan, including the Basin Plan Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices.
Flow-through Seawater Systems and Aquacultural Operations	Project complies with the Basin Plan, no water quality problems are anticipated (including any problems resulting from the discharge of hormones, biocides, parasites, larvae and antibiotics) and no federal NPDES permit is required.
Use of Reclaimed Wastewater for Soil Compaction or Dust Control, and other Construction Purposes	Use is limited to dry periods or short duration, complies with the Basin Plan, and complies with statewide reclamation requirements.
Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects	Pollutants are not present, discharge is to land only and no water quality impacts are anticipated.
Low-volume, Non-contaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation and Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations	The discharger files a ROWD which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained on property controlled by the discharger.

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Discharge Associated with the Incineration of Soils Contaminated with Petroleum Hydrocarbons	The discharger files a ROWD which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained on property controlled by the discharger.
Pumped/Drained Water from Storage Tank Excavations	Water must be uncontaminated. Location of disposal or reuse must be identified.
Soil Stabilizing Agents	Used for beneficial purposes such as dust control, where water quality will not be adversely impacted and where stabilizing agents cannot reach State waters.
Winery Operations	Non-commercial wineries producing less than 200 gallons of wine per year provided that discharge is to land and no adverse water quality impacts are anticipated. (Note: Commercial wineries and non-commercial wineries producing over 200 gallons of wine per year are now regulated by General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Winery Wastes to Land.)
Maintenance Activities on Transportation Structures	The use of effective Best Management Practices that prevent any discharge of pollutants to surface waters or land.

**** General Waiver Conditions Applicable to All Waiver Categories:** In addition to the waiver conditions specific to each waiver category, the following general waiver conditions apply to all waiver categories. The discharger: (1) shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region; (2) shall discharge only in accordance with a complete ROWD or equivalent; (3) shall not create a pollution, contamination, or nuisance, as defined by Section 13050 of the California Water Code; (4) shall not discharge any waste not specifically regulated by the waivers described herein; (5) shall implement a monitoring and reporting program unless this requirement is waived as not against the public interest, to be subsequently developed by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer; and (6) shall allow Regional Water Board staff reasonable access onto the affected property for the purpose of performing an inspection to determine compliance with waiver conditions.