

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 A.M., Thursday, December 6, 2012
Santa Rosa

- ITEM: 7
- SUBJECT: **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0100, to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Benbow Hotel and Resort**, WDID No. 1B12079RHUM, Humboldt County (*Lisa Bernard*)
- BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider the adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0100.
- BACKGROUND: Rogue River Investments (hereinafter Discharger) is currently discharging pursuant to Order No. Order No. 99-60. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), on May 3, 2012, for renewal of waste discharge requirements for treatment and disposal of municipal wastewater from the Benbow Inn. The ROWD also incorporated the Benbow RV Park and Resort, an existing facility, also owned and operated by Rogue River Investments, which is contiguous with the Benbow Inn (jointly, the Facility).
- The Discharger operates several on-site wastewater treatment systems at the Facility. The Benbow Inn wastewater collection and distribution system serves 56 guest rooms, the kitchen, and four bathrooms (employees and guests). Wastewater from the Benbow Inn kitchen flows to a grease trap, then to a series of septic tanks before distribution to one of two leachfields, one located on Benbow State Park land and a newer leachfield, installed in 1998 under fairway No. 9 of the Benbow Valley Golf Course.
- The Benbow RV Park and Resort wastewater collection system serves 112 sites for RVs and small cottages, bathrooms, and the clubhouse. The clubhouse has a swimming pool, laundry facilities (seven washer and dryers), male and female bathrooms (six toilets and five showers each). A second restroom is located at the back of the RV park, with male and female bathrooms (6 toilets and 5 showers each). Sixty seven sites and the clubhouse facilities empty into a 15,000 gallon septic tank, which serves the front of the RV park. Forty-five sites and the back bathrooms empty into a 10,000 gallon septic tank, which serves the back of the RV park.

Wastewater from both septic tanks drains into a pumping chamber that is equipped with a high-level alarm float. The effluent is pumped from the chamber through 2-inch lines to a distribution valve, which directs the effluent to one of four leachfields located on fairway Nos. 1 and 2.

The final wastewater collection and distribution system at the Facility serves the golf course maintenance shed. The system consists of a single bathroom equipped with a single toilet and sink. The system gravity drains to a single 750 gallon septic tank and leachfield located on fairway No. 3.

ISSUES:

Draft Order No. R1-2012-0100 incorporates requirements for Benbow Inn, previously regulated under Order 99-60 as well as Benbow RV Park and Resort, a portion of the Facility not previously regulated. Order No. R1-2012-0100 regulates the maximum daily flows to each onsite system and provides a structure for ongoing monitoring and reporting to ensure these waste treatment systems function as designed.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Order R1-2012-0100 as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Hearing Procedure
2. Proposed Order R1-2012-0097
3. Response to Comments
4. Comment Letter from Rogue River Investments
5. Public Notice