

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

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

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing** on Order No. R1-2012-0106 requiring the **Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1** to Cease and Desist From Discharging Or Threatening to Discharge Effluent in Violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order Nos. 98-51 and R1-2012-0105, WDID No. 1A97069WNTR, Trinity County. (*Roy O'Connor*)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider the adoption of Cease and Desist No. R1-2012-0106 (CDO).

BACKGROUND: The Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1 discharger owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal facility (Facility) that provides sewerage service to the community of Hayfork. The Hayfork community currently supports a population of approximately 2,300 people.

In 1998, the Regional Water Board adopted the first requirements for the Facility under Order No. 98-51. The Discharger completed construction and began operation in 2001. The existing Facility is designed to provide secondary treatment for an average dry weather flow of 0.243 million gallons per day (mgd). Current average dry weather flows at the facility are approximately 0.065 mgd. The existing Facility consists of a collection system, an influent bar screen and headworks with influent flow meter, two aerated primary treatment ponds, a secondary treatment pond, an effluent holding pond, two wetland polishing ponds, and four percolation ponds for final disposal. The existing Facility also includes 25 acres of vacant land owned by the Discharger that is irrigated with undisinfected secondary effluent in violation of their existing Order No. 98-51.

ISSUES: The Discharger is irrigating adjacent land with undisinfected effluent in violation of Order No. 98-51. The Discharger is proposing to irrigate an adjacent golf course during the

summertime with secondary treated, disinfected recycled water.

The CDO will allow a reasonable time frame for the Discharger to complete upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility, complete testing of the wastewater effluent quality and begin full operation of the disinfection system and upgraded wastewater treatment, storage and reclamation facilities.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: This is a new cease and desist order to give the Discharger time to complete construction of the disinfection system.

Responses to comments and additional minor changes made to the CDO by Regional Water Board staff are described in greater detail in the attached Response to Comments document. The Response to Comments and comment letters can be found in the associated WDR permit package.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0106 as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Hearing Procedure
2. Proposed Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0106
3. Public Notice