AGRICULTURAL ORDER NO. R3-2012-0011
ITEMS FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW
Updated July 7, 2014

On March 15, 2012, the Central Coast Water Board adopted a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Agricultural Order No. R3-2012-0011). On September 24, 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order WQ 2013-0101 which upheld the Agricultural Order with modifications. State Board Order WQ-2013-0101 identified specific items for which interested persons may seek discretionary review by the Regional Board. These items include the following:

1. Executive Officer's Determination to Approve or Deny Tier Changes;
2. Executive Officer's Determination to Require a Transfer to a Higher Tier;
3. Approval or Denial of a Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program;
4. Approval or Denial of A Third Party Project or Program;

This document provides information regarding discretionary review items that occurred after the adoption of the State Board Order on September 24, 2013. Interested Parties will be allowed 30 days from the date identified above to seek discretionary review by the Regional Board on any of the items identified below. Interested Parties seeking discretionary review of the above items must send their request to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Board Chair (c/o Executive Officer)
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Executive Officer's Determination to Approve or Deny Tier Changes; or Require a Transfer to a Higher Tier

Tables 1 and 2 below identify actions by the Executive Officer to approve an individual farm/ranch transfer to a lower tier; and actions by the Executive Officer to require an individual farm/ranch to transfer to a higher tier.

Approval or Denial of a Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program

In July 2013, the Executive Officer approved two cooperative groundwater monitoring programs: the Central Coast Groundwater Coalition (CCGC) and the Santa Rosa Creek Valley Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program. The May and July 2013 Board Meetings included information items to discuss the review and approval of the cooperative groundwater monitoring programs. On December 17 and December 18, 2013, the Executive Officer approved a revised CCGC workplan for the northern region and a workplan for the southern

region, respectively. The approved workplans and approved Monitoring and Reporting Programs R3-2012-0011(-01,-02,-03) are available on the Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml

Approval or Denial of a Third Party Project or Program

The Water Board has not received any third-party water quality improvement projects or programs for review.

For More Information

If you have any questions regarding the Discretionary Review Items, please contact Water Board staff at (805) 549-3147 or via email at AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov. If you wish to receive future correspondence regarding these discretionary items please subscribe to the email distribution list for "Agricultural Order – Discretionary Items" at the link below: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml

Table 1. Executive Officer Determinations to Approve or Deny Tier Changes

Last Updated: June 30, 2014

	TIER REVIEW REQUEST DATE	AW #	OPERATION NAME	GLOBAL ID / DETERMINATION LETTER LINK	RANCH NAME	RANCH CITY	ACREAGE	REQUESTED TIER	DETERMINED TIER	STATUS
1	09/30/2013	AW0379	OSR Enterprises, Inc.	AGL020003869	Battles	Santa Maria	186	2	2	Approved
2	10/07/2013	AW0699	Top Flavor Farms Inc.	AGL020002664	Firestone/Anderson-Fowler	Salinas	742	2	3	Denied
3	10/17/2013	AW0544	Westland Floral Company, Inc.	AGL020007798	Westland Floral Company, Inc.	Carpinteria	16	1	1	Approved
4	12/27/2013	AW1467	Kitayama Brothers Inc.	AGL020001227	KB West	Watsonville	31	1	1	Approved
5	01/06/2014	AW1651	Gill Ranch Co. LLC	AGL020002574	Wilson East	King City	347.9	2	2	Approved
6	01/24/2014	AW1579	Paradise Christmas Tree Farm	AGL020000700	Paradise Chrismas Tree Farm	Morgan Hill	4	1	2	Denied
7	02/07/2014	AW3475	Scurich Berry Farms	AGL020004322	Cooper	Salinas	78	2	2	Approved
8	03/13/2014	AW3207	Evans Orchard	AGL020008842	Evans Orchard	Hollister	4.5	1	1	Approved
9	03/20/2014	AW3758	Quail Spring Farm	AGL020020462	Quail Spring Farm	Morro Bay	9	1	2	Denied
10	05/06/2014	AW3121	Central Valley Seeds, Inc.	AGL020007890	Avila Ranch	Salinas	6	2	2	Approved

Table 2. Executive Officer Determinations to Require a Higher Tier

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	DATE TIER REQUIRED	AW #	OPERATION NAME	GLOBAL ID / DETERMINATION LETTER LINK	RANCH NAME	RANCH CITY	ACREAGE	INITIAL TIER	REQUIRED TIER	STATUS
1	05/30/2014	AW1353	Headstart Nursery, Inc.	AGL020001485	Headstart Nursery	Gilroy	18	1	2	Required
2	06/25/2014	AW3194	3C Ranch LLC	AGL020001593	3C Ranch LLC	Salinas	364	1	2	Required