

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

AGRICULTURAL ORDER NO. R3-2012-0011 ITEMS FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW Updated December 12, 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 actions by the Executive Officer:

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

Table 1 identifies actions by the Executive Officer to approve or deny a discharger's request to transfer a farm/ranch to a lower tier when the farm/ranch does not meet the criteria for the lower tier.

Table 2 identifies actions by the Executive Officer to transfer a farm/ranch to a higher tier when the farm/ranch meets tier criteria for the lower 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

Table 3 below identifies actions by the Executive Officer to approve or deny any further modification of the cooperative groundwater monitoring program workplans. Executive Officer letters to approve or deny workplan modifications are also posted on the Water Board's website under the heading "Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Programs".

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/req3_subscribe.shtml

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

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	TIER REVIEW REQUEST DATE	AW #	OPERATION NAME	GLOBAL ID	RANCH NAME	RANCH CITY	ACREAGE	REQUESTED TIER	DETERMINED TIER	STATUS
1	10/15/2014	AW1741	Richard S Castile Farm	AGL020000434	Richard S Castile	Carpinteria	18	2	1	Approved
2	11/3/2014	AW1824	Green Valley Floral	AGL020004723	Old Stage Greenhouse	Salinas	5	2	1	Approved

Table 2. Executive Officer Determinations to Transfer to a Tier

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	TIER REVIEW REQUEST DATE	AW #	OPERATION NAME	GLOBAL ID	RANCH NAME	RANCH CITY	ACREAGE	REQUESTED TIER	DETERMINED TIER	STATUS
NONE TO REPORT										

Table 3. Executive Officer Determinations to Approve or Deny Modifications to Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Programs. Last Updated: December 12, 2014

	DATE	COOPERTIVE GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
1	12/08/2014	Central Coast Groundwater Coalition	Modification of CCGC workplan to require submittal of CCGC member information and changes to the CCGC drinking water notification process.	Approved