

ITEM: 17

SUBJECT: Woodbridge Partners, Inc., and Victor Fine Foods Facility, San Joaquin County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order R5-2004-0004*

BACKGROUND: Victor Fine Foods Facility began operations in 1961, as a meat packaging and processing facility, which operated up to 1991. During operation, the facility discharged process wastewater and brine wastes to unlined and lined ponds. The wastes discharged were concentrated and were a significant threat to water quality. The discharge was classified as "designated waste."

In 2001, the Central Valley Water Board issued Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for certain closure activities. The Discharger did not comply, so on 29 September 2004, the Central Valley Water Board issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2004-0004. The CDO required the Discharger to cease and desist from violating the requirements of the WDRs and complete the items required to close the lined and unlined ponds and deep injection well. Since 2004, the Discharger has cleaned closed Pond 1, abandoned the deep injection well, evaluated the extent of groundwater contamination, and evaluated options for groundwater cleanup. At this time, the Discharger has complied with all requirements of Cease and Desist Order R5-2004-0004.

RECOMMENDATION: Rescind Cease and Desist order R5-2004-0004.

Mgmt. Review _____
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