

ITEM: 23

SUBJECT: Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

REPORT: Following are the proposed waste discharge requirements that prohibit discharge to surface waters. All agencies and the dischargers concur or have offered no comments. Items indicated as updates on the summary agenda make the requirements consistent with current plans and policies of the Board.

a	<p>IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP) GENERAL ORDERS.</p> <p>The Central Valley Water Board issued eight Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for growers within the Central Valley that are members of a third-party group for discharges from irrigated lands (Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) General Orders).</p> <p>Growers regulated by the Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), who are Members of a third-party group, are required to participate in third-party outreach events at least annually if any of the member parcels are in a designated high vulnerability area for surface water or groundwater. The goal of third-party outreach event participation is to become informed of water quality problems and the management practices that are available to address those issues.</p> <p>For the purposes of the outreach participation provisions only, it is reasonable to expand the terms "Member" or "Grower" to include "Designees", thus allowing Designees to participate in third-party outreach events. The Designees must have responsibility for decisions related to management practices associated with farming operation. The Member/Grower must provide annual confirmation to the third-party that the Member/Grower or a Designee has participated in the outreach event, and that the Designee was personally informed of the content of the outreach event and was provided with copies of all outreach materials.</p>
b	<p>KERN RIDGE GROWERS, LLC AND LARRY R. COX AND JOAN W. COX, AS TRUSTEES OF THE COX FAMILY TRUST OF 2004, DIGIORGIO FACILITY, KERN COUNTY. Kern Ridge Growers, LLC (KRG) owns and operates the DiGiorgio orange and carrot processing facility (hereafter Facility) in Arvin. At the Facility, oranges are washed, polished, and sorted and whole carrots are washed, sorted, and processed into "baby" carrots. Wastewater, defrost water (melted ice that formed on refrigeration equipment inside the cold storage building), and stormwater are discharged to a land application area, (LAA) consisting of 80 acres of vineyards, owned by KRG and Trustees of the Cox Family Trust of 2004. The WDRs limit the discharge to flows commensurate with the size of the land application area. The WDRs also include a time schedule that requires the Discharger to submit a Salinity Control Plan to comply with annual nutrient loading and hydraulic loading requirements to the LAA and a Wastewater and Nutrient Management Plan to comply with the chloride effluent limitation.</p>

c	<p>SUNVIEW MARKETING INTERNATIONAL DBA SUNVIEW DRIED FRUIT & NUT COMPANY AND Z4G, LLC, DEL REY DEHYDRATOR FACILITY, FRESNO COUNTY. Sunview Marketing International, a California corporation dba Sunview Dried Fruit & Nut Company (Sunview) owns and operates a dehydrating facility (Facility) in Del Rey. The discharge is not regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) from the Central Valley Water Board. The Facility has been operating since 1979 under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2322 from Fresno County.</p> <p>Sunview submitted a Report of Waste Discharge for the proposed discharge of 60,000 gallons per day (gpd) (annual discharge of 7.3 million gallons) of process wastewater to a net of 242 farmable acres out of 247 acres of farmland. Approximately 226 farmable acres out of the 242 acres are owned by Z4G, LLC, and 16 acres are owned by Sunview.</p> <p>This Order contains provisions that require Sunview to evaluate its management practices of the land application areas and ensure the application of wastewater is at agronomic rates, and submit a Solids Management Plan to characterize solids generated at the Facility.</p>
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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed waste discharge requirements.

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