

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2010

Prepared on November 9, 2010

ITEM NUMBER: 9

SUBJECT: **Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Onsite Disposal System, Riegert Residence, 960 West Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, Resolution No. R3-2010-0042**

KEY INFORMATION

Location: 960 West Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County
Lot Size & Type: Approximately 5.5 acres, Residential
Type of Discharge: Treated domestic wastewater
Type of Treatment: Septic Tank
Disposal Method: Dry Wells
Design Flow: 375 gallons per day
Land Owner/Discharger: Pike Riegert
This Action: Adopt Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements

SUMMARY

The proposed Resolution (Attachment 1) is a waiver of waste discharge requirements for an onsite domestic wastewater and disposal system for a residential lot located in the City of Santa Barbara. The following discussion briefly outlines the basis and the conditions. Detailed information is contained within the Resolution.

DISCUSSION

The site consists of a 5.5-acre residential property located in the City of Santa Barbara. Although the property is within the City of Santa Barbara boundary, the City's sewer system is not available to the site and development requires an onsite wastewater disposal system. The City of Santa Barbara does not have a memorandum of understanding with the Water Board to permit onsite disposal systems; therefore, the Discharger applied to the Water Board for waste discharge requirements for a conventional onsite wastewater disposal system.

The system will serve a three-bedroom, private residence and will consist of a 1,200-gallon septic tank and two drywells for disposal (three dry wells that satisfy the 100 percent expansion provision of the Basin Plan). The discharger conducted performance testing of the five drywells. The drywells were over excavated ten feet below the bottom of the drywells to verify the absence of groundwater. The system as designed meets all Basin Plan criteria for onsite disposal systems.

The proposed waiver of waste discharge requirements is subject to conditions as outlined in the Resolution. The Discharger must comply with the Basin Plan onsite disposal system requirements.

The proposed Resolution contains standard conditions regarding system operation and maintenance, monitoring, inspection, notification and access requirements, as well as discharge prohibitions.

If the proposed onsite disposal system is properly operated and maintained in accordance with the Basin Plan and the conditions of this Resolution, a waiver of waste discharge requirements is in the public interest.

The Discharger and other interested parties were notified of this proposed waiver of waste discharge requirements in a July 6, 2010 Water Board letter. The comment period ended on August 27, 2010; no comments were received during the public comment period.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution R3-2010-0042 as proposed.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Resolution No. R3-2010-0042