

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION R5-2017-0024

APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR
PACIFIC COAST PRODUCERS INC.
OROVILLE PROCESSING FACILITY AND PALERMO LAND APPLICATION AREA
BUTTE COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Regional Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. The Central Valley Water Board proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the discharge of fruit processing wastewater by Pacific Coast Producers Inc. (Discharger) from its fruit processing facility (Cannery) in Oroville to irrigate a land application in the southern portion of Palermo. The Cannery is located at 1601 Mitchel Avenue in Oroville and the land application area is located 6.5 miles south of the Cannery in Palermo.
2. The Central Valley Water Board is the lead agency for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and has conducted an Initial Study in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15063.
3. Pacific Coast Producers Inc. operates an existing facility that currently discharges fruit processing wastewater and storm water from the cannery to a land application area in Palermo via a 6.5 mile pipeline. The process wastewater and storm water is applied to approximately 309 acres, which consists of 10 fields, and three ponds. Wastewater is either applied by flood or spray irrigation.
4. Pacific Coast Producers Inc. submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) that describes expansion of its existing land application area for fruit processing wastewater and residual solids that are currently discharged to land in Palermo. The expansion area consists of approximately 100 acres within the adjacent Pheasant Club also owned by the Discharger. The quantity of process wastewater applied to land will remain at current rates; therefore the expansion to 409 acres will reduce constituent loading rates.
5. The Cannery is located at 1601 Mitchel Avenue in Oroville (Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Oroville Quadrangle). The Cannery occupies Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 035-450-018. The land application area is located 6.5 miles south of the Cannery in Palermo in Sections 17, 20, and 29, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, Palermo Quadrangle. The current land application area occupies APN 027-200-075. The additional land application expansion area occupies APNs 027-200-028, 027-200-040, 027-200-041, 027-200-042, and 027-200-044.
6. Copies of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration were transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters.
7. The Central Valley Water Board considered all testimony and evidence at a hearing held on 24 February 2017 in Rancho Cordova, California and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration.

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8. Central Valley Water Board staff drafted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) that incorporate the various findings described in the Initial Study. The proposed WDRs contain discharge prohibitions, flow limitations, discharge specifications, and land application area specifications, developed to protect the beneficial uses of surface water, underlying groundwater, and prevent conditions of nuisance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080 et seq., the Central Valley Water Board, after considering the entire record, including written and oral testimony at the hearing:

1. Approves the Initial Study and adopts the Negative Declaration for the adoption of WDRs and Monitoring and Reporting Program for the discharge of fruit processing wastewater by Pacific Coast Producers to the approximate 409-acre land application area.
2. Finds the record before the Central Valley Water Board contains no substantial evidence that a fair argument has been made that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 24 February 2017.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer