



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REVOCATION OF WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ORDER NO. R5-2016-0810, AND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF POND CLOSURE WORKPLAN FOR FORMER ZACKY STOCKTON POULTRY PROCESSING PLANT, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 25 July 2016, the Central Valley Region Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued a Water Code Section 13267 Order and a Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Order No. R5-2016-0810. At that time, Zacky & Sons Poultry LLC (Zacky) produced turkey franks and cooked turkeys for retail distribution. Zacky had previously submitted a Report of Waste Discharge in 2014, which was deemed incomplete and was the basis for the 13267 Order.

The Zacky facility included the use of an 800,000-gallon polyurethane lined aeration pond, which was installed in 1973. The lined aeration pond was used for pretreatment of wastewater prior to discharge to the Stockton Municipal sewer system under a permit from the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department. Installation of the wastewater system and pond were not conducted under permit with either the City of Stockton or the Central Valley Water Board. Although the facility did not land apply wastewater, the MRP was issued to collect groundwater data to evaluate whether there was leakage from the pond and to determine whether Waste Discharge Requirements would be necessary. The 13267 Order required an assessment of groundwater conditions, including a background characterization evaluation upgradient of the pond, onsite processing plant, and wastewater treatment system. In response, Zacky installed three shallow groundwater monitoring under permit with the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department.

On 13 November 2018, Zacky & Sons Poultry, LLC dba Zacky Farms filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, and all food production activities at the site ceased. In 2022, the new owners (OneLink, LLC) contacted the Central Valley Water Board and stated their business operations only included the discharge of domestic wastewater from on-site restrooms to the local sewer system, and that they were planning to remove the industrial wastewater system and pond. A *Pond Closure Work Plan* was submitted on 21 September 2022 describing how the pond will be closed. Central Valley Water Board staff has reviewed the Work Plan and has no objection to the proposed approach to the close and remove all remnants of the pond. OneLink has

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already closed and abandoned the shallow groundwater monitoring wells through a well abandonment permit issued by the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department.

Because industrial wastewater discharges from the former Zacky facility are no longer occurring and the new owner will be closing and removing the wastewater system pond, it is appropriate to revoke the MRP. Therefore, as the Assistant Executive Officer, the 13267 Order as well as MRP Order No. R5-2016-0810 are hereby revoked.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Armstrong at <u>scott.armstrong@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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