SK FOODS AND COLUSA COUNTY CANNING COMPANY, WILLIAMS
TOMATO PROCESSING FACILITY, Colusa County

SK Foods owns and operates the Colusa County Canning Company facility in Williams. The tomato paste line produces tomato paste, generating screened process wastewater that has been discharged to a 656-acre farm owned by F.J. Myers, LLC since 1982. The retail products line makes canned products by processing fresh tomatoes during the fresh pack season and remanufacturing processed tomatoes at other times. The retail line wastewater has been discharged to a 145-acre farm owned by Claire Reynolds since 2002. The Discharger plans to cease the discharge to the Myers and Reynolds properties and has purchased two properties, Ranch 71 (643 acres) and Ranch 72 (229 acres), for land application purposes. The Discharger proposes to increase wastewater flows to 4.0 mgd during the fresh pack season. Off-season flows from the retail products line would average 200,000 gpd for 100 days per year. Supplemental irrigation water will be required during the spring and summer, but will decrease as wastewater flow rates increase toward the proposed flow limits. Shallow groundwater conditions exist at the proposed Ranch 71 and Ranch 72 land application sites, making conditions that are not ideal for land application of wastewater. Accordingly, the proposed Order places conservative limits on BOD, nitrogen, and salinity loading rates. Surface water drainage from the facility and land application areas is to Cortina Creek, which is tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. (ALO)