

**20 JUNE 2025 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 17

SUBJECT:

Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Orders.

BOARD ACTION:

Adopt the Orders.

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ORDER R5-2025-XXXX

RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that the Central Valley Water Board adopted the following Orders which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

A) GENE FENN, FENN HUNTING CLUB, BUTTE COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements Order 5-00-148, adopted on 16 June 2000, was issued to Gene Fenn (Discharger) prescribes requirements for waste discharge from Fenn Hunting Club (Facility) to two septic tanks and an evaporation/percolation pond. The Facility previously operated only during duck hunting season, generally October through February, during which time it accommodated recreational vehicles and travel trailers for approximately 25 people. Domestic waste and discharge from laundry and shower facilities discharged into two septic tanks. Liquid from the tanks was piped to an evaporations/percolation pond. The Discharger has ceased operating the hunting club at the site with no intent to resume operations. The plumbing connections from the septic tanks to the pond have been capped and the pond has been filled in. The Discharger requested rescission of the permit. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order 5-00-148.

B) MADERA ENTERPRISES, INC. AND FRANK CHIMIENTI, FRUIT DEHYDRATING AND CONCENTRATING PLANT, MADERA COUNTY

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 98-040, adopted on 27 February 1998, prescribes requirements for the discharge from the Madera Enterprises Inc. and Frank Chimienti (collectively referred to as Discharger) Fruit Dehydrating and Concentrating Plant (Facility) in Madera. Wastewater at the Facility was generated via the processing and dehydrating of fruits, such as apples, apricots, grapes, and strawberries. WDRs Order No. 98-040 was issued for the discharge of up to 0.142 million gallons per day of wastewater from the Facility to 7.5 acres of adjacent land.

On 23 February 2025, the Discharger sent an email informing Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) that operations at the Facility ceased in December 2010 and requested that WDRs Order No. 98-040 be rescinded. Staff conducted an inspection of the Facility on 11 March 2025 and observed that the Facility was inactive, process water discharge piping had been dismantled, and no waste solids were present. These observations are documented in a 13 March 2025 Staff letter to the Discharger. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind WDRs Order 98-040.

C) MENDOZA RANCH (FORMER COZZI RANCH SWINE FACILITY), MERCED COUNTY

Individual Waste Discharge Requirements 93-073 (adopted 25 June 1993), as amended by Order R5-2016-0017 (eff. 19 Feb. 2016), prescribes requirements for operation of the Mendoza Ranch facility at 12770 S. Ingomar Grade Road, Los Banos, in Merced County. The facility no longer operates as a swine facility. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind Order 93-073.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Orders are rescinded on the date of this order unless otherwise stated above.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 20 June 2025.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer