Notice of Public Hearing

Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-122 and Associated Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-122

For the

Heritage House resort

Mendocino County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to rescind the Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-122 and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. 98-122 for the Heritage House resort. Regional Water Board staff have determined that the Order and MRP listed above are no longer applicable, relevant, or necessary and should be rescinded. Discharges regulated under the Order and MRP are now subject to the statewide general WDR Order for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems, Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R1-2024-0008.

This item will be open for public comment between **August 22, 2025 and September 22, 2025.**

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the Draft Order is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's ~~**December 4 and 5, 2025**~~ **February 18 and 19, 2026,** Board Meeting. This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person at ~~5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403~~ Elk Valley Rancheria, Sam Lopez Community Room, 2332 Howland Hill Road, Crescent City, CA 95531, and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Please follow the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item, including format changes that would allow for in-person attendance at a physical location.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page (https://video.calepa.ca.gov/). The public hearing will be recorded.

At this time, this meeting is scheduled to occur on ~~December 4 and 5, 2025~~ February 18 and 19, 2026, and this matter could be heard on either day. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code, § 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast) at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda will specify the particular day of the hearing, and any updates to the meeting format.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/). At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Rescission Order.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., on **September 22, 2025**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Permittee or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board no later than **September 22, 2025**. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Dischargers, may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also

requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Draft Order and related documents are available at the Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Additionally, the Draft Order and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are required for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer
August 21, 2025