Item: 2

Subject: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2012-0040 to consider Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0040 for The Crescent City Harbor District, Crescent City Harbor Seafood Processing Wastewater System, WDID NO. 1A84005ODN, NPDES Permit No. CA0024473

DISCUSSION

On June 23, 2009 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R1-2009-0040 was issued to the Crescent City Harbor District (hereinafter “District”) for the Crescent City Harbor Seafood Processing Wastewater Treatment System (also referred to as the “Facility”), prescribing requirements for the discharge of seafood processing waste from the operation of the Facility to the Pacific Ocean. These WDRs also served as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit with a five-year permit term that was set to expire on September 11, 2014.

On March 19, 2011, the District completed a project that connected the waste discharges from seafood processing activities existing in Crescent City Harbor to the sanitary sewer system owned and operated by the City of Crescent City, a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). Connection to the city sewer system effectively eliminated the direct discharge of waste from the operation of the Facility to the Pacific Ocean, rendering the District’s NPDES permit unnecessary. The collection, treatment and disposal of waste at the City of Crescent City Wastewater Treatment Facility are regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2011-0019 (NPDES Permit No. CA0022756).

On February 22, 2012, the Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Intent to terminate Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0040 in accordance with Part 40, section 122.64(a)(4) of the Code of Federal Regulations, which lists the termination of discharge by connection to a POTW as an appropriate cause for terminating a permit.

A copy of the draft Order and/or information to access the draft on the Regional Water Board website was mailed to the District, interested agencies, and persons. This item was open for public comment from February 24, 2012 through March 23, 2012. No comments were received on the proposed Order.

Preliminary Staff Recommendation: Adopt Order No. R1-2012-0040 as proposed.