

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Executive Officer's Summary Report
June 18, 2020

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2020-0016, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs (MRPs) for the following Dischargers:

- Virginia Dare Winery, Order No. R1-2017-0013, WDID No. 1B830170SON
- Mendocino Forest Products Ukiah Sawmill, Order No. R1-2014-0003, WDID No. 1B800051OMEN
- Baywood Golf & Country Club, Order No. 94-85, WDID No. 1B91037RHUM
- Timber Crest Farms, Order No. 80-47, WDID No. 1B800470SON
(*Nicholas Colbrunn*)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2020-0016.

BACKGROUND: North Coast Regional Water Board staff manages approximately 134 active, individual WDRs regulating land discharges of treated domestic wastewater, commercial wastewater, and combined industrial wastewater. Staff periodically reviews active WDRs to assess whether a discharge permit, due to its age, new information about the discharge, or as a result of the promulgation of new regulations, requires revision or termination, or whether the discharge is more appropriately regulated under a different permit or local program. Based on a recent assessment, staff has determined that four existing, individual WDRs and their associated MRPs are no longer required due to applicability of new or existing General WDRs and/or because domestic wastewater discharges from the facilities are covered under a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements associated with the statewide On-Site Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Policy.

DISCUSSION: The changes to the regulatory coverage for the four facilities included in this Order are summarized below:

- **Virginia Dare Winery**, Geyserville, Sonoma County. This facility no longer combines their processes wastewater with domestic waste, and thus was enrolled for coverage under Order No. R1-2016-0002, the Wine Beverage & Food Processor (WBFP) General WDR, for their process wastewater discharge. Their existing domestic onsite wastewater treatment system is covered by the conditional waiver associated with the OWTS Policy and operates under the jurisdiction of the County of Sonoma.

- **Mendocino Forest Products Ukiah Sawmill**, Ukiah, Mendocino County. By lining their wastewater ponds the facility no longer poses a threat to groundwater quality, therefore WDRs are not necessary. The sawmill continues to be enrolled under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Order 2014-0057-DWQ (Industrial General Permit).
- **Baywood Golf & Country Club**, Arcata, Humboldt County. The Club's existing domestic onsite wastewater treatment system is covered under the conditional waiver associated with the OWTS Policy and operates under the jurisdiction of the County of Humboldt.
- **Timber Crest Farms**, Healdsburg, Sonoma County. The process wastewater from the facility has been enrolled for coverage under the WBFP General WDR. Their existing domestic onsite wastewater treatment system is covered by the conditional waiver associated with the OWTS Policy and operates under the jurisdiction of the County of Sonoma.

The draft Order was made available for public comment from February 26, 2020 to March 27, 2020. No comments were received. This item is uncontested.

RECOMENDATON: Adopt Order No. R1-2020-0016, as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2020-0016
2. Public Notice