

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT  
8:30 a.m., December 10, 2009  
Regional Water Board Office  
David C. Joseph Hearing Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA

ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2009-0090, to consider Waste Discharge Requirements for **Smith River Rancheria** Wastewater Treatment Facility WDID No. 1A03126RDN (WDRs)

**DISCUSSION**

On March 13 2009, the Smith River Rancheria provided a complete Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for construction of its new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in Smith River, Del Norte County. The Rancheria relies on on-site septic systems for most of its properties. The new WWTF began operation in April 2009. The new WWTF will provide a regional system to collect, treat and dispose of its wastewater.

The new WWTF includes a membrane biological reactor which will produce tertiary treated wastewater with advanced treatment for nutrient removal. Tertiary treated wastewater will be disposed of at the newly constructed leachfield owned by the Rancheria. Groundwater monitoring shall be conducted in the leachfield area.

These WDRs have been drafted in accordance with state law, and include standards for land disposal of treated wastewater, as well as other prohibitions, limitations, and provisions. A draft Permit was provided to the discharger on August 6, 2009.

The Discharger provided written comments on the draft permit on August 25, 2009, requesting minor changes to the draft Order. The proposed Order has been modified in response to the comments received. The Discharger's comments and staff's response are included as an attachment to this Staff Report.

PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Waste Discharge Requirements Order as proposed.