

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Order No. R1-2025-0021

**Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)
and Associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP)
for
Heritage House
Mendocino County**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. The Heritage House resort (Facility) is located at 5200 North Highway 1 in Little River, Mendocino County. The Facility is currently owned and operated by Heritage House LP (Discharger) and includes a restaurant, spa, and 62 guest rooms.
2. The Regional Water Board adopted WDR Order No. 98-122 and MRP Order No. 98-122, for HH LLC doing business as (“dba”) Heritage House, a previous owner of the Facility, on December 10, 1998. Order No. 98-122 authorizes the discharge of domestic wastewater generated by the resort and restaurant to onsite septic tanks and leach fields installed in the early 1980’s.
3. On March 15, 2022, the Discharger submitted a report of waste discharge (ROWD) application for coverage under the statewide general WDR Order for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems, Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ (General Order). The ROWD proposed the replacement and upgrade of the Facility’s septic tank and leach field systems with a new centralized enhanced wastewater treatment and disposal system. Supplemental information was received on July 14, 2023.
4. Based on information presented in the ROWD and the supplemental information, the Facility’s upgraded wastewater treatment system and discharge were found to be consistent with the requirements of the General Order. A Notice of Applicability (NOA) letter, conveying notice of the Facility’s coverage under the General Order and transmittal of MRP Order No. R1-2024-0008, was issued by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on November 18, 2024.
5. Because the Facility’s discharge is now subject to the General Order and MRP Order No. R1-2024-0008, the historical WDR Order 98-122 and MRP Order No. 98-122 are no longer applicable, relevant, or necessary and should be rescinded.

6. The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and all known interested parties of its intent to rescind the Facility's waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program and has provided them with an opportunity to submit written comments and recommendations.
7. The Regional Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed rescission Order in a public hearing on December 4, 2025.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Order is hereby rescinded, except for enforcement purposes:

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-122 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-122 for HH LLC dba Heritage House

I, Valerie Quinto, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order is a full, true, and correct copy of the Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on December 4, 2025.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer

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