
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region Staff Summary Report August 14-15, 2025

ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Rescission Order No. R1-2025-0024 (Rescission Order) to consider Rescission of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order No. R1-2000-0017 for State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and PacifiCorp, Iron Gate Hatchery (Facility), NPDES Permit No. CA0006688, WDID No. 1A80052SIS (Justin McSmith)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider the adoption of the Rescission Order No. R1-2025-0024. The Order will rescind CDFW and PacifiCorp's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Order No. R1-2000-0017.

BACKGROUND: PacifiCorp owned and CDFW operated the Facility. Together they were Co-Permittees (Permittees) for the NPDES permit. The Facility was located at 8638 Lakeview Road in Hornbrook, identified as Siskiyou County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 041-070-080 and 041-070-050.

The Facility historically discharged treated flow-through wastewater from fish hatchery operations under Order No. R1-2000-0017, Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0006688 (Permit), adopted by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on February 24, 2000. In accordance with conditions in this Permit, flow-through wastewater was discharged to the Klamath River.

DISCUSSION: The NPDES Permit is proposed to be rescinded because the Iron Gate Hatchery is no longer operating or discharging waste. The removal of the Iron Gate Dam in October 2024 eliminated the water supply for the Iron Gate Hatchery, which previously relied on flows from the Klamath River and Iron Gate Reservoir. Without this water source, the hatchery could not continue operations. Accordingly, CDFW ceased all wastewater discharges from the Iron Gate Hatchery to the Klamath River on December 29, 2023. As the Facility no longer discharges to waters of the United States, coverage under the NPDES permit is no longer needed.

A copy of the Draft Rescission Order was posted on the Regional Water Board website and was available for public comment from June 4, 2025, through July 5, 2025, for a 30-day comment period. No comments were received.

The Rescission Order is not anticipated to be contested during the public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend adoption of the Rescission Order as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2025-0024
2. Notice of Public Hearing