

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2007-0007

APPROVING AND ACCEPTING  
THE COUNTY OF MADERA'S  
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD  
AND  
TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE  
FOR  
THE NORTH FORK MILL HOUSING FACILITY  
MADERA COUNTY

WHEREAS:

1. The California State Water Resources Control Board requires regional water quality control boards to provide recommendations for Small Community Grant Project priorities.
2. The North Fork Mill Housing Facility (Facility), Madera County, consists of 24 houses occupied by low-income residents in the unincorporated community of South Fork (which is adjacent to North Fork).
3. The Facility is served by an onsite community wastewater treatment and disposal system that discharges effluent from several septic tanks to an unlined pond for disposal by evaporation and percolation.
4. The wastewater treatment and disposal system is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 90-051 and Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 99-729.
5. The facility has a history of sewage spills since 1986 and of chronic noncompliance with the Waste Discharge Requirements and Cleanup and Abatement Orders.
6. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River Basin and San Joaquin River Basin, Fourth Edition*, (hereafter Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for protecting all waters of the Basin.
7. The facility is in Hydrological Unit No. 540, in a surface water drainage that discharges to Willow Creek, a tributary of the San Joaquin River and a surface water of the United States. The beneficial uses designated by the Basin Plan for these surface waters are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural supply, hydropower generation, water contact and non-contact water recreation, warm and cold freshwater habitat, and wildlife.
8. On 14 November 2006 the Madera County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2006-234, *A Resolution Proclaiming Existence of a Public Health*

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*Hazard; Use of Sewage Disposal Systems; Prohibiting New Septic Tanks in the Health Hazard Area; Granting Final Authority Regarding Exemptions to Regional Water Quality Control Board (Resolution), declaring these conditions pose a public health and safety hazard.*

9. Madera County has proposed to remedy the situation and developed an action plan and schedule to replace the facility with a publicly-owned sewage collection and treatment works but it needs funding assistance and requests the project be placed on the Small Community Grant Project priority list for planning, design, construction of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities.
10. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, has reviewed the County's Resolution and concurs with its findings, as well as the prohibition of construction and use of new septic tanks in the health hazard area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:

1. Approves and accepts the County of Madera's Resolution and action plan for compliance.
2. Recognizing the seriousness of the current situation, urges the State Water Resources Control Board to place the North Fork Mill Housing Facility in Priority A for Small Community Grant Program funding in fiscal year 2007- 2008.

I, PAMELA CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 25 January 2007.

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PAMELA CREEDON, Executive Officer