

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2005-0020

RESCINDING VARIOUS WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, finds that the Board adopted the following Orders and Resolutions, which are no longer applicable for the reasons shown:

Resolution No. 70-191, adopted 25 June 1970, prescribes requirements for the discharge of crude oil production wastewater to sumps for Drilling & Production Company, at the SCT Lease in the NW ¼ of Section 12, T10N, R19W, SBB&M, Tejon Oil Field, Kern County. Drilling & Production Company currently owns the lease. An inspection confirmed that the company disposes of its wastewater by subsurface injection and the sumps are used for emergency spill containment only.

Order No. 85-101, adopted 31 May 1985, prescribes requirements for Loren F. Vinson Livestock, Inc., Tehama County, for the discharge of wash water containing manure and settleable matter from a cattle truck washing facility to evaporation/irrigation ponds. The Discharger had ceased operations in May 2004, has cleaned the ponds, and does not intend to reopen the facility. In a letter dated 2 November 2004, the Discharger requested rescission of Order No. 85-101.

Order No. 86-181, adopted 26 September 1986, prescribes requirements for Woolery Livestock Transportation, Inc., Shasta Livestock Auction, Inc., and Robert Jones, Shasta County, for the discharge of manure wastewater to an oxidation/retention pond from a cattle truck washing operation. The Discharger has ceased operations and does not intend to reopen the facility and has requested rescission of Order No. 86-181.

Order No. 91-049 adopted on 25 January 1991 prescribes requirements for wastewater discharges from the William M. Oliveira Dairy. The site is located at 20072 Grangeville Boulevard in Kings County in Section 20, T18S, R20E, MDB&M. An inspection of the dairy in 1994 confirmed that dairy operations had ceased. A recent inspection confirmed that the corrals and the wastewater retention ponds no longer exist. The property owner (Mr. William Oliveira) does not intend to re-establish a dairy.

Order No. 94-045, adopted 25 February 1994, prescribes requirements for the discharge of wastewater from Baker Brothers Ranch a citrus packinghouse owned by the William Baker and Leland Baker Trust (Baker Brothers). The packinghouse is on Avenue 352, one mile northwest of Woodlake in Tulare County in Section 26, T17S, R26E, MDB&M. A letter dated 17 November 2004 from Richard Moratin, Director of Administrative Services for Baker Brothers, informed the Regional Board that on July 2004, Baker Brothers closed their business and the property is for sale.

Order No. 95-192, adopted 17 August 1995, prescribes requirements for a ground water cleanup system operated by Weir Floway, Inc (Discharger). The site is on a 15-acre property in Fresno in Section 14, T14S, R20E, MDB&M. The Discharger no longer re-injects treated groundwater into the underlying aquifer, but discharges it to the Cities of Fresno and Clovis wastewater treatment facility. The Discharger requested by letter dated 1 December 2004 that the Order be rescinded.

Order No. 96-100 adopted 3 May 1996, prescribes requirements for the Baltimore Aircoil Company, Inc., Amsted Industries, Inc., and Merck & Co., Inc. (jointly referred to as Discharger) groundwater cleanup system at its former cooling water tower manufacturing facility in Merced County to discharge treated groundwater to El Capitan Canal in Section 10, T7S, R13E, MDB&M. The NPDES permit expired on 15 May 2001. The Discharger did not submit an application for renewal of the NPDES permit and an administrative extension of the permit was not issued. On 12 November 2004 the Discharger submitted a written request to rescind the NPDES permit to clear the record. No discharge has occurred since the expiration of the permit.

Order No. 97-164, adopted 8 August 1997, prescribes requirements for Big Hill Logging and Road Building, Inc., Gridley Log Yard, Butte County, for the operation of an unpaved log deck sprinkler system and the discharge of log deck runoff to ponds. The Discharger had ceased operations in 2000. In a letter dated 7 October 2003, the Discharger requested rescission of Order No. 97-164.

Order No. 96-167, adopted 21 June 1996, prescribes requirements for Terra Linda Farms to discharge effluent from a proposed vegetable processing facility to land. The Discharger never constructed the proposed facility. The Discharger requested by letter dated 23 November 2004 that the Order be rescinded.

Order No. 98-080, adopted 17 April 1998, prescribes requirements for Spanish Creek Aggregates, Inc, Quincy Gravel Operation, and Hale Charlton, Plumas County, for gravel extraction and processing facilities. The facility is adjacent to Spanish Creek on Bucks Lake Road, west of Quincy. The Discharger formerly discharged gravel wash water to a series of settling ponds. The Discharger has ceased processing aggregate and thus no longer produces wash water. There are no plans for reinitiating gravel operations and waste discharge requirements are no longer needed for this facility.

Order No. 98-122, adopted 5 June 1998, prescribes requirements for the discharge of treated contaminated groundwater to a West Stanislaus County Irrigation District agricultural drain, tributary to the San Joaquin River. The City of Modesto owns and operates the Grayson Park Well 295 located in Grayson. This facility supplies potable water to the community of Grayson (population approximately 800), and operated a groundwater treatment system that utilized granular activated carbon for removal of dibromochloropropane (DBCP) and an electro dialysis unit for removal of excess nitrate. In response to compliance issues, the City has installed a new treatment system and the discharge of reject water to an on-site drain had been discontinued. Concentrated treated wastewater is now stored until it can be hauled for off-site disposal. The waste discharge permit is no longer needed.

Order No. 5-00-082, adopted 28 April 2000, prescribes requirements for Shasta Paper Company, Inc., Shasta County, for the discharge of wastewater from its integrated pulp and paper mill to the Sacramento River. The Discharger filed for bankruptcy and the facility was closed, dismantled, and the discharge line from the wastewater treatment ponds to the Sacramento River was sealed. On 20 May 2004, the Shasta Pulp and Paper Mill sold at a public auction. The facility will not be reopened as a pulp and paper mill.

Order No. 5-00-103, adopted on 15 June 2000, prescribes requirements for the Dan Garcia aggregate processing facility in the Yuba Goldfields area northeast of Marysville, Yuba County. Washing and

screening of aggregate material at this facility ceased in July 2003 and no wastewater has been discharged since that time. The Discharger has requested rescission of the WDRs.

Order No. 5-01-201 adopted on 27 July 2001 prescribes requirements for Fernand Larranaga dba Larranaga Trucking, Larranaga Pit and Alturas Ranches, LLC, Modoc County, for the discharge of gravel wash water to two settling ponds. The Discharger has never washed gravel at the site and has not constructed the settling ponds. The Discharger has no intention of washing gravel in the future and has requested rescission of Order No. 5-01-201.

Order No. R5-2002-0040, adopted 1 March 2002, prescribes requirements for the California Department of Fish and Game. The requirements regulate the use of blasting cord for elimination of Northern Pike from Lake Davis. The Discharger was prohibited from using the detonation cord after 1 May 2004; therefore the waste discharge requirements are no longer necessary.

Order No. R5-2002-0167, adopted 6 September 2002, prescribes requirements for the discharge of crude oil production wastewater to sumps for Plains Exploration & Production Company, at the Cagle-USL Lease in the NW ¼ of Section 6, T20S, R16E, MDB&M, Coalinga-East Extension Oil Field, Fresno County. Plains Exploration & Production Company currently owns and operates the lease. An inspection confirmed that the company disposes of its wastewater by subsurface injection and the sumps have been closed.

Order No. R5-2003-0137, adopted on 5 September 2003, prescribes requirements for dredging the marina basin, disposal of dredge sediments into a diked disposal site, discharges of effluent from the dredge material disposal site to surface waters, and monitoring of water quality during the dredging operation. In order to restore and improve navigational access, the Discharger removed approximately 15,000 cubic yards of sediment that had accumulated in the marina. The Discharger completed the project in November 2003 and has requested that the Order be rescinded. The marina is situated on the southern end of Brannon Island near the junction of the Mokelumne River and San Joaquin River.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above waste discharge requirements Orders and Resolutions are rescinded.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 27 January 2005.

THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer