

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2025-0054

**APPROVAL OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING
POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMLER BROTHERS LLC, PINE HILL EGG RANCH AND
PULLET FARM, RAMONA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the “project” is defined as the adoption and administration of Order No. R9-2025-0012, Waste Discharge Requirements for Demler Brothers LLC, Pine Hill Egg Ranch and Pullet Farm, Ramona, San Diego County (Tentative Order). If adopted, this Tentative Order establishes requirements to protect the quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the State from project would regulate the wastes discharged of waste at the Pine Hill Egg Ranch and the Pullet Farm (collectively referred to as the Facilities).
2. The San Diego Water Board is ~~functioning as~~ the lead agency and ~~, which~~ has the principal responsibility to prepare an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist (Initial Study) for the project in accordance with the CEQA (Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA guidelines (title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq.) for approving the proposed project and is responsible for the preparation of environmental documents. Additionally, the San Diego Water Board has the principal responsibility to prepare either an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or a written declaration that an EIR is not required, because the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. The San Diego Water Board prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist for the project and based on the findings of the Initial Study determined the environmental impacts of the project will be less than significant in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code, section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA guidelines (title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000, et seq.).
- ~~4. The environmental impacts of this project will be less than significant.~~
- ~~4.5.~~ The San Diego Water Board ~~has~~ prepared and submitted a draft Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse and local responsible agencies for review. The San Diego Water Board also released the draft Negative Declaration to the public for review and comment on May 21, 2025. pertaining to the proposed

~~discharge of wastes. Additionally, the San Diego Water Board released the Tentative Order to the public for review and comment on May 21, 2025. The review and comment period for the draft Negative Declaration and Tentative Order lasted for 30 days.~~

~~5.6. The San Diego Water Board received 13 comment letters from the public, the California Department of Transportation, and Demler Brothers LLC. San Diego Water Board staff reviewed the comment letters and revised the Initial Study and Order, which lead staff to convert the draft Negative Declaration to a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The draft Negative Declaration was sent to the State Clearinghouse and local responsible agencies for review and was also released to the public for review and comment on May 21, 2025. The public comment period lasted for 30 days.~~

~~6. The San Diego Water Board submitted a Mitigated Negative Declaration, a revised Initial Study, a revised Tentative Order, and Response to Comments Report to the State Clearinghouse, local responsible agencies, and the public for review on August 27, 2025. The review period lasted for 30 days.~~

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the San Diego Water Board hereby approves ~~adopts~~ the Mitigated Negative Declaration and certifies that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects proper assessment of environmental impacts of the Tentative Order ~~Waste Discharge Requirements for Demler Brothers LLC, Pine Hill Egg Ranch and Pullet Farm in Ramona, San Diego County.~~

I, David W. Gibson, 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, San Diego Region, on October 8, 2025.

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David W. Gibson, Executive Officer