

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2011
Prepared on November 1, 2010**

ITEM NUMBER: —

SUBJECT: **Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for City of
Monterey, Monterey Bay Wharf Dredging operations,
Monterey County**

KEY INFORMATION

Discharge.....City of Monterey
LocationThe Beach immediately east of wharf No. 2 at Monterey Bay
Discharge TypeDredging spoils
Flow RateUp to 10,000 cubic yards per year
Existing Orders.....WDR Order No. 91-60

This Action: Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements

DISCUSSION

On July 12, 1991, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 91-60 to regulate the discharge of dredge spoils at Monterey Harbor. On July 26, 2010, the discharger submitted updated information describing their discharge and Central Coast Water Board staff responded by issuing a Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 91-60 and the September 2010 Section 401 Water Quality Certification are two different regulatory methods of accomplishing the same objective of protecting the receiving water from the discharge. The September 2010 Water Quality Certification is based on more current discharge information and effectively supersedes Order No. 91-60. Rather than regulating the discharge under two mechanisms, Water Board staff recommends that the Central Coast Water Board rescind the outdated Order No. 91-60.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

In a _____ Central Coast Water Board letter, comments were solicited from the following persons or agencies:

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RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Order 91-60.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Order 91-60
2. Water Quality Certification Number 32710WQ06 For Monterey Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project, Monterey County

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