
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Terry Young, VP Engineering
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Dear Mr. Young:

DOLE FRESH VEGETABLES, INC., SOLEDAD PLANT - ENROLLMENT UNDER GENERAL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ORDER¹

Thank you for your *Notice of Intent* to have the Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant regulated under our *General Fruit and Vegetable Order*. Based upon your submittals and our records, we understand that:

- The Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant produces up to 1 MGD of vegetable process wastewater
- All process wastewater is recycled for agricultural uses
- Sanitary waste goes to the City of Soledad's sanitary sewer collection system

The Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant meets the conditions for enrollment under the *General Fruit and Vegetable Order*. Therefore, the Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc. Soledad Plant's process wastewater discharge is tentatively enrolled under the *General Fruit and Vegetable Order*. The enrollment is contingent on our Board's rescission of Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant's individual Order No. 94-36. Accordingly, at a regularly scheduled public meeting in San Luis Obispo on September 25-26, 2014, Water Board staff will recommend that the Central Coast Water Board rescind the Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant's individual Order No. 94-36.

Please review the enclosed staff report and the *General Fruit and Vegetable Order*. If you, or any interested parties, have any comments or concerns about the enrollment or our recommendations to the Water Board, please submit them in writing no later than **July 7, 2014**.

Please note that, until the Water Board approves the proposed rescission, the Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant must continue to comply with individual waste discharge requirements, Order No. 94-36. Also, the annual fees that the Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., Soledad Plant has been paying for its existing waste discharge requirements will continue under the General Order.

¹ More formally known as "Order No. R3-2004-0066, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Discharges of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Waste."

If you have further questions please contact **Tom Kukol at (805) 549-3689** or email at tkukol@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/for
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: Staff Report for proposed enrollment/rescission

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