

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2004

Prepared on February 26, 2004

ITEM NUMBER: 16

SUBJECT: Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-075, Redwood Elementary School, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, Santa Cruz County

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Redwood Elementary School, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District
Location: 16900 Hwy. 9, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz County
Discharge Type: Domestic wastewater
Design Capacity: Five thousand gallons per day
Current Capacity: None
Treatment: Septic tank
Disposal: Mound system
Recycling: None
Existing Order: Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-075

DISCUSSION

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-075 authorized the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District to discharge of up to 5,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater from Redwood Elementary School. The wastewater was treated using two 7,500-gallon septic tanks, and discharged to land using a conventional mound disposal system.

By letter dated November 19, 2003, the school district notified Regional Board staff that the school was closed on June 15, 2003, and requested the rescission of waste discharge requirements. The district has no plans to reopen the facility. Staff has notified the district that a report of waste discharge is required if they decide to reopen the facility.

COMPLIANCE HISTORY

Several minor reporting violations have occurred since the Regional Board's adoption of Order No. 99-075 on September 8, 1999. The Discharger appropriately responded by submitting the late reports.

Before the adoption of Order No. 99-075, staff detected several areas of non-compliance related to treatment system operation and maintenance, flow monitoring, and ground water nitrate impacts. Operations and maintenance problems were addressed prior to the adoption of Order No. 99-075 and noted in the staff report provided with the proposed Order. Flow monitoring and nitrate impacts were addressed within Order No. 99-075 by specifying flow monitoring requirements and establishing a time schedule for the design and installation of an enhanced treatment system to reduce total nitrogen by at least 50 percent. The enhanced treatment system was in design at the time the District closed the school.

COMMENTS

San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District:
No Comments Received

Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services:
No Comments Received

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No.
99-075.

ATTACHMENT

1. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 99-075, for Redwood Elementary School, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, Santa Cruz County

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