

## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### AGRICULTURAL ORDER NO. R3-2012-0011 ITEMS FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW Updated July 7, 2014

On March 15, 2012, the Central Coast Water Board adopted a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Agricultural Order No. R3-2012-0011). On September 24, 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order WQ 2013-0101 which upheld the Agricultural Order with modifications. State Board Order WQ-2013-0101 identified specific items for which interested persons may seek discretionary review by the Regional Board. These items include the following:

1. Executive Officer's Determination to Approve or Deny Tier Changes;
2. Executive Officer's Determination to Require a Transfer to a Higher Tier;
3. Approval or Denial of a Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program;
4. Approval or Denial of A Third Party Project or Program;

This document provides information regarding discretionary review items that occurred after the adoption of the State Board Order on September 24, 2013. Interested Parties will be allowed 30 days from the date identified above to seek discretionary review by the Regional Board on any of the items identified below. Interested Parties seeking discretionary review of the above items must send their request to:

**Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Board Chair (c/o Executive Officer)  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

#### **Executive Officer's Determination to Approve or Deny Tier Changes; or Require a Transfer to a Higher Tier**

Tables 1 and 2 below identify actions by the Executive Officer to approve an individual farm/ranch transfer to a lower tier; and actions by the Executive Officer to require an individual farm/ranch to transfer to a higher tier.

#### **Approval or Denial of a Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program**

In July 2013, the Executive Officer approved two cooperative groundwater monitoring programs: the Central Coast Groundwater Coalition (CCGC) and the Santa Rosa Creek Valley Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program. The May and July 2013 Board Meetings included information items to discuss the review and approval of the cooperative groundwater monitoring programs. On December 17 and December 18, 2013, the Executive Officer approved a revised CCGC workplan for the northern region and a workplan for the southern

region, respectively. The approved workplans and approved Monitoring and Reporting Programs R3-2012-0011(-01,-02,-03) are available on the Water Board's website at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/ag\\_waivers/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml)

### **Approval or Denial of a Third Party Project or Program**

The Water Board has not received any third-party water quality improvement projects or programs for review.

### **For More Information**

If you have any questions regarding the Discretionary Review Items, please contact Water Board staff at (805) 549-3147 or via email at [AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov). If you wish to receive future correspondence regarding these discretionary items please subscribe to the email distribution list for "Agricultural Order – Discretionary Items" at the link below:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg3\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml)

**Table 1. Executive Officer Determinations to Approve or Deny Tier Changes**

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|    | TIER REVIEW REQUEST DATE | AW #   | OPERATION NAME                | GLOBAL ID / DETERMINATION LETTER LINK | RANCH NAME                    | RANCH CITY  | ACREAGE | REQUESTED TIER | DETERMINED TIER | STATUS   |
|----|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1  | 09/30/2013               | AW0379 | OSR Enterprises, Inc.         | AGL020003869                          | Battles                       | Santa Maria | 186     | 2              | 2               | Approved |
| 2  | 10/07/2013               | AW0699 | Top Flavor Farms Inc.         | AGL020002664                          | Firestone/Anderson-Fowler     | Salinas     | 742     | 2              | 3               | Denied   |
| 3  | 10/17/2013               | AW0544 | Westland Floral Company, Inc. | AGL020007798                          | Westland Floral Company, Inc. | Carpinteria | 16      | 1              | 1               | Approved |
| 4  | 12/27/2013               | AW1467 | Kitayama Brothers Inc.        | AGL020001227                          | KB West                       | Watsonville | 31      | 1              | 1               | Approved |
| 5  | 01/06/2014               | AW1651 | Gill Ranch Co. LLC            | AGL020002574                          | Wilson East                   | King City   | 347.9   | 2              | 2               | Approved |
| 6  | 01/24/2014               | AW1579 | Paradise Christmas Tree Farm  | AGL020000700                          | Paradise Christmas Tree Farm  | Morgan Hill | 4       | 1              | 2               | Denied   |
| 7  | 02/07/2014               | AW3475 | Scurich Berry Farms           | AGL020004322                          | Cooper                        | Salinas     | 78      | 2              | 2               | Approved |
| 8  | 03/13/2014               | AW3207 | Evans Orchard                 | AGL020008842                          | Evans Orchard                 | Hollister   | 4.5     | 1              | 1               | Approved |
| 9  | 03/20/2014               | AW3758 | Quail Spring Farm             | AGL020020462                          | Quail Spring Farm             | Morro Bay   | 9       | 1              | 2               | Denied   |
| 10 | 05/06/2014               | AW3121 | Central Valley Seeds, Inc.    | AGL020007890                          | Avila Ranch                   | Salinas     | 6       | 2              | 2               | Approved |

**Table 2. Executive Officer Determinations to Require a Higher Tier**

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|   | DATE TIER REQUIRED | AW #   | OPERATION NAME          | GLOBAL ID / DETERMINATION LETTER LINK | RANCH NAME        | RANCH CITY | ACREAGE | INITIAL TIER | REQUIRED TIER | STATUS   |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | 05/30/2014         | AW1353 | Headstart Nursery, Inc. | AGL020001485                          | Headstart Nursery | Gilroy     | 18      | 1            | 2             | Required |
| 2 | 06/25/2014         | AW3194 | 3C Ranch LLC            | AGL020001593                          | 3C Ranch LLC      | Salinas    | 364     | 1            | 2             | Required |