

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
9:00 a.m., April 29, 2010  
Ukiah Valley Conference Center  
200 South School Street  
Ukiah, California

Item: 5

Subject: Order No. R1-2010-0022, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Pacific Resources Septage Transfer Facility**, 3660 Copperhill Lane, Santa Rosa WDID NO. 1 B09031RSON

### DISCUSSION

Pacific Resources (hereinafter Discharger) is constructing a septage transfer facility in a heavily industrialized area of the Airport Industrial Park, at 3660 Copperhill Lane, Santa Rosa (in unincorporated Sonoma County). The facility will be constructed on 0.80 acres of a 6.78 acre previously developed parcel. The parcel is surrounded by other industrial facilities including an auto dismantling and wrecking yard; a steel tank manufacturer; a lumber yard; and a portable toilet business. A concrete batch plant has been approved for construction on the northern section of the parcel.

The septage transfer facility will collect non-hazardous liquid waste and grease trap wastes originating from septic tanks, portable toilets, food service providers, and wineries. Waste will be received from small septic tank pumper trucks and transferred to either one of two facility-owned 7,000-gallon tanker trucks or to one of two on-site storage tanks. Once the appropriate amount of waste has been collected, it will be transported by tanker truck to the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Oakland, for treatment via their anaerobic bi-digesters.

The facility will be fenced off from the remainder of the parcel and will consist of a concrete truck pad for the off-loading and loading of transport trucks; a looped gravel driveway; an office trailer; a 10,000-gallon, cone bottom, aboveground, rigid, storage tank; and a 20,000-gallon bladder tank. The storage tanks and truck pad will be constructed, operated and maintained in a manner to prevent leakages to ground or surface waters.

A Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) was received from Pacific Resources for the construction and operation of the septage transfer facility located at 3660 Copperhill Lane in Santa Rosa (APN 059-250-004). Additional information including the Emergency Spill Response Procedures Plan and Mandatory Closure Agreement were received on October 13, 2009 to complete the ROWD.

On June 17, 2009, the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department approved the Final Conditions of Approval for a Use Permit (UPE08-0112) and certified

a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the construction and operation of the septage transfer facility. The Regional Water Board considered the impacts identified in the mitigated negative declaration and the mitigation proposed, and concludes that the project as proposed in the ROWD and Waiver will not have a significant effect on water quality.

A Mandatory Closure Agreement was recorded on the property deed requiring the facility to close and stop receiving wastes under the following conditions: the closure of the EBMUD WWTP to out-of-area waste haulers; cancellation of the EBMUD WWTP dumping permit; extended highway closures; extreme acts of vandalism; a national fuel-supply emergency; or the suspension/non-renewal of city, county or state licenses or permits.

Staff has reviewed the ROWD focusing on the following issues: spill prevention and control; leak detection and repair; odor control; construction-related impacts to the nearby drainages; and implementation of post-development storm water control. Staff concluded that the project, if constructed and operated as proposed, will not result in an impact to water quality. Therefore, a draft Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements was prepared and circulated to interested parties. A 30-day public comment period was noticed in the newspaper and on the Regional Water Board's website. No adverse comments were received during the comment period. The Discharger has stated that they concur with the proposed Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements.

PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Order No. R1-2010-0022 as proposed.