

Executive Officer's Summary Report
8:30 a.m., July 24, 2008
North Coast Regional Water Board
Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, California

Item: 4

Subject: Resolution No. R1-2008-0065 Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for **Sonoma State University Domestic Wastewater Equalization Tank**, 1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park WDID NO. 1B08057RSON

DISCUSSION

The State of California, Sonoma State University (hereinafter Discharger) is currently discharging domestic wastewater originating from its campus facilities to the City of Rohnert Park (City) sanitary sewer collection system under a January 1980 Operating Agreement entered into by the Discharger and the City. Under the operating Agreement the Discharger is contracted to discharge domestic wastewater to the City's sewer collection system at a maximum rate of up to 0.25 million gallons per day (MGD), measured as average dry weather flow (ADWF). The discharge to the City's sanitary sewer collection system is via an 18 inch sewer line, located at the northwest corner of the University campus. The discharge is metered via a Parshall Flume structure near the sewer exit point. The Discharger is currently constructing an expansion project that includes new student housing. The addition of these new facilities will increase the flow of wastewater into the City's sewer line.

Regional Water Board staff received a call from a concerned citizen regarding a proposed 256,000 gallon wastewater storage tank on the Discharger's property. The citizen was concerned about potential spills of raw sewage as well as potential odors from the facility. After investigating the project, staff requested a report of waste discharge from the Discharger. A Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) was received from the State of California, Sonoma State University for the construction and operation of a domestic wastewater equalization tank at 1801 East Cotati Avenue in Rohnert Park (APN 047-131-011). Additional information was received on May 7, 2008 to complete the ROWD. The equalization tank is intended to store wastewater and then release the flows, in a controlled manner, into the City's sewer main.

Staff reviewed the ROWD focusing on the following issues – spill prevention and control; odor control, construction-related impacts to the nearby watercourse 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 the Resolution No. R1-2008-0065 as proposed