

Executive Officer's Summary Report  
8:30 a.m., July 15, 2010  
North Coast Regional Water Board  
David C. Joseph Hearing Room  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, California

Item: 2

Subject: Update on Provisions for Reuse of Treated Wastewater in NPDES Permit for Healdsburg NPDES Permit for the **City of Healdsburg Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility** NPDES No. CA0024058, WDID No. 1B820450SON

### DISCUSSION

On June 10, 2010, the Regional Water Board opened a public hearing to consider adoption of an NPDES permit for the City of Healdsburg. The City of Healdsburg has proposed to construct a reclamation system to deliver recycled water to urban and agricultural use sites as a means to comply with the seasonal discharge prohibition. Currently, the City discharges disinfected, tertiary treated effluent to Basalt Pond, a gravel pit that was excavated in the floodplain of the Russian River, year-round.

The proposed Order contains provisions to allow for reclamation of treated wastewater based on the Recycled Water Policy and general landscape irrigation permit adopted by the State Water Board in 2009. Significant comments were raised by Healdsburg and other commenters regarding several recycled water provisions in the Healdsburg permit. Healdsburg, the City of Santa Rosa, and the Russian River Watershed Association are concerned that the technical report requirements would provide a disincentive to agricultural recycled water use and that the requirements for public comment on each technical report creates uncertainty regarding whether and when a recycled water project might be approved. Healdsburg is seeking a process that provides more certainty in order to justify construction of its reclamation system. Other commenters support this same recycled water language. At the end of the Healdsburg public hearing, the Regional Water Board requested staff to modify the recycled water language to make a distinction between urban and agricultural recycled water use.

Staff has met with the City of Healdsburg and is reviewing how other Regional Water Boards are incorporating the requirements of the Recycled Water Policy and landscape irrigation permit into individual permits. Additional time is needed to revise the permit language.

Staff will present an oral report to the Regional Water Board describing the status of revisions to the recycled water language in Healdsburg's proposed permit.

PRELIMINARY STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational item only.