

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
8:30 A.M., Thursday, July 15, 2010
Regional Water Board
David C. Joseph Hearing Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Ste A
Santa Rosa, Ca

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No.R1-2010-0017 to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Willits Wastewater Treatment Facility, NPDES Permit No. CA0023060, WDID No. 1B80078OMEN.

DISCUSSION

The City of Willits (hereinafter Discharger or City) owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and associated wastewater collection, reclamation, and disposal facilities. The WWTF serves a population of 9,500 including the City of Willits, Brooktrails Community Services District and the Meadowbrook Manor Sanitation District. Reclamation of treated wastewater is currently performed within the Little Lake Valley on agricultural lands adjacent to the WWTF.

The City has applied for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0023060. The application addressed discharges to both Outlet Creek and neighboring reclamation sites from the existing WWTF as well as the new, replacement WWTF that the City is in the process of constructing. In response to the City's application, Regional Water Board staff drafted Order No.R1-2010-0017, which was considered for adoption in June 2010.

Adoption was delayed in order to make minor modifications to the wastewater reclamation Provision C.5 of Attachment H, consistent with changes being considered for the City of Healdsburg's permit. Provision C.5 was amended to allow a programmatic approach for the addition 4 new sites to the Master Reclamation Program. This programmatic approach will allow a single technical report or a series of technical reports identifying the operation and irrigation management plans to apply to sites with similar characteristics. Modifications to the draft Order are considered minor and the changes were not made available for public comment. However, on June 28, 2010, staff received a letter from the City of Willits (Attached) in support of adoption of the revised permit at the July Board meeting.

PRELIMINARY STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Order as proposed.