



**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. R3-2021-0063
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENROLL OLD
STAGE PARTNERS, LLC, MONTEREY COUNTY, IN ORDER NO. R3-2019-
0089, GENERAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGES, SECTION D: DISCHARGE NOT
SPECIFIED**



WHEREAS, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) finds that:

1. A proposed woodchip bioreactor located at 460 Old Stage Road, Salinas, Monterey County, operated by Old Stage Partners, LLC, will treat discharges from cannabis and rose cultivation operations, including wastewater generated from an irrigation capture and recycling system, cannabis manufacturing through ice water extraction, and reverse osmosis filter residual. Treated wastewater will be discharged into an existing stormwater infiltration pond.
2. The Water Boards use Order No. WQ 2019-0001-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities* (Cannabis General Order) to regulate all eligible dischargers developing land for, or engaging in, cannabis cultivation activities.
3. The Cannabis General Order does not provide regulatory coverage for onsite treatment and discharge of wastewater. Cannabis General Order, Attachment A, section 1, requirement 27 prohibits the wastewater from cannabis manufacturing activities defined in Business and Professions Code section 26100, indoor grow operations, or other industrial wastewater to an onsite wastewater treatment system (e.g., septic tank and associated disposal facilities), to surface water, or to land, unless authorized by separate waste discharge requirements.
4. Because enrollment in the Cannabis General Order does not provide regulatory coverage for discharges from onsite treatment systems, enrollment in Order No. R3-2019-0089, *General Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharges* (General Waiver) is appropriate. The General Waiver identifies 13 specific types of discharges that the Executive Officer may enroll in the General Waiver. Proposed low-threat discharges not specifically identified in the General Waiver may be enrolled upon Central Coast Water Board consideration and approval.
5. The proposed discharge, which is low-threat, is not one of the 13 specified discharges in the General Waiver. Enrollment in the General Waiver is appropriate, and if enrolled, the Executive Officer would issue a notice of applicability to the discharger that will specify conditions and requirements of the enrollment.
6. The Central Coast Water Board provided notice of its intention to consider this matter at the August 13, 2021 Central Coast Water Board meeting and provided an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the draft resolution.
7. The Central Coast Water Board, at a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Coast Water Board authorizes the Executive Officer to enroll Old Stage Partners, LLC, in Order No. R3-2019-0089.

I, Matthew T. Keeling, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region on August 13, 2021.

Matthew T. Keeling
Executive Officer

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