



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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RESCISSION OF WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ORDER NO. R5-2016-0811 FOR FORMER MARTINEZ RANCHES, SOLANO COUNTY

On 25 July 2016, the Central Valley Region Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued a Water Code Section 13267 Order and a Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Order No. R5-2016-0811. At that time, Martinez Ranches specialized in tree nut crops and had a small walnut and pistachio hulling operation. Martinez Ranches had previously submitted a Report of Waste Discharge in 2016.

Discharge of the walnut wastewater was covered under the Waiver for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region (Order R5-2020-0002-0094); However, this waiver has also been rescinded. Because the Discharger processed pistachios, there were concerns regarding the quality of the wastewater because limited studies had been conducted on pistachio wastewater. The limited amount of available pistachio wastewater characterization data showed that high concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand (BODs) and potassium were typically associated with pistachio hulling. Additional characterization of pistachio wastewater was needed before a determination could be made regarding how to address and monitor the wastewater. Hence, the MRP was issued to Martinez Ranches pursuant to Water Code 13267 which authorizes the Central Valley Water Board to require the submittal of technical and monitoring reports.

On 25 April 2023, Martinez Ranches went out of business, and all food production activities at the site ceased. On 18 December 2023, Martinez Ranches contacted the Central Valley Water Board and stated their walnut and pistachio haulers operations were sold, dismantled, and removed from the property. Martinez Ranches did not operate in 2023, nor will they be operating in the future.

Because pistachio wastewater discharges from the former Martinez Ranches facility are no longer occurring, it is appropriate to revoke the MRP. Therefore, as the Assistant Executive Officer, the 13267 Order as well as MRP Order No. R5-2016-0811 are hereby revoked.

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