

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
April 8, 2009

- ITEM: 6
- SUBJECT: Negative Declaration: Garcia Residence Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, San Diego County (Tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025) (*Cathryn Henning*)
- PURPOSE: To adopt tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025, which will certify that the Regional Board has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by adopting a Negative Declaration for the project.
- PUBLIC NOTICE: The public was notified of this agenda item by posting the tentative Resolution on the Regional Board web page. An announcement was mailed to interested and affected parties on February 27, 2009. Notification of this action was published by the State Clearinghouse on February 2, 2009. In addition, a public notice was issued in the San Diego Union Tribune on February 5, 2009 (Supporting Document No. 1), in compliance with section 15072 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- DISCUSSION: The Regional Board is considering adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) via a subsurface drip irrigation system (Item No. 7 on today's Agenda). The location of the discharge is illustrated on Supporting Document No. 2. Because no local agency has taken a discretionary action on the project, the Regional Board must act as the lead agency under CEQA, responsible for evaluating environmental impacts of the project and preparing the environmental documents.
- On February 2, 2009, an Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration (Supporting Document No. 3) were completed and made available to the public. The Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration support a determination that the installation and construction of the OWTS and disposal system will not have a significant impact on the environment.

The Regional Board has not received any public comments, on the Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration, as of March 24, 2009.

Tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025 (Supporting Document No. 4) adopts the Negative Declaration and certifies that it reflects proper assessment of environmental impacts from the installation and operation of an OWTS with subsurface drip irrigation at the site.

KEY ISSUES:

WDRs for this project (tentative Order No. R9-2009-0007) cannot be adopted before the adoption of the Negative Declaration by tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Public Notification for Draft Negative Declaration
2. Location of Discharge
3. Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration
4. Tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025 is recommended.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT NO. 1

Public Notification for Draft Negative
Declaration

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT NO. 2

Location of Discharge

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT NO. 3

Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT NO. 4

Tentative Resolution No. R9-2009-0025