CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO REGION

ORDER 95-059

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
RICH ISLAND DUCK CLUB,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION,
CROWLEY MARITIME ASSOCIATION,
BELL MARINE, AND
CITY OF PITTSBURG
CONTRA COSTA AND SOLANO COUNTIES

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter Board), finds that:

1. On October 18, 1985 this Board adopted Order No. 85-111 prescribing waste discharge requirements for dredging and placement of 1.3 million cubic yards of dredged material at various disposal sites in Contra Costa and Solano Counties. The requirements covered the Stockton to San Francisco Bay shipping channel dredged between New York Slough and Avon, and the disposal sites identified in Order No. 85-111 as Stark Property, Simmons Island (Rich Island Duck Club), S-20G Site, and S-24 (Crowley Site).

   In 1986, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the dredging and disposal of materials from the above mentioned Stockton to San Francisco Bay Improvement Dredging Project.

2. On July 16, 1986, this Board adopted Order No. 86-54, amending Order No. 85-111, to include requirements for placement of dredged material on a site identified as S-20A, located at the Naval Weapons Station in Concord. This dredging was completed by February 14, 1987.

3. In 1992, approximately 73,000 cubic yards were removed from the Rich Island Duck Club Site, area C, located on Simmons Island, because of overloading at the site. In 1996, the Port of Stockton will remove an additional 109,000 cubic yards of sediment in Area C. No further placement of dredged materials, and subsequent return flow from the land disposal areas is planned for the future.

4. The Department of the Navy, Naval Weapons Station, site is full and all dredged material disposal therein ceased in July, 1986.

5. Bell Marine was given Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 74-061. This permit allowed hydraulic dredging of up to 50,000 tons of oyster shells in a 12 square mile area surrounding the San Mateo bridge. This activity ceased in 1984 and is no longer feasible due to current market conditions.

6. The City of Pittsburg received Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 87-2, in January, 1987. The City, through contract, subsequently dredged 21,000 cubic yards of material and placed at the Carquinez Straight Disposal Site (SF-09). The discharger has completed the project and has no plans to continue.

7. The action to rescind waste discharge requirements is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.

8. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and consideration of their comments.

9. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Board's Order Nos. 74-61, 85-111, 86-54, and 91-161 are rescinded.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, complete and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on March 15, 1995.

STEVEN R. RITCHIE
EXECUTIVE OFFICER