

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of Walti-Schilling)
and Company - Request by Santa Cruz)
County Youth Commission for Review)
of Waste Discharge Requirements)
Prescribed by Regional Board.)

Order No. 71-3

On December 24, 1970, the Santa Cruz County Youth Commission requested the State Water Resources Control Board to review the waste discharge requirements for Walti-Schilling and Company adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region on December 11, 1970.

The State Water Resources Control Board having considered the request and the regional board's records pertaining to this matter finds:

1. The Walti-Schilling and Company operates a slaughterhouse in Santa Cruz County.
2. The plant is located adjacent to the Santa Cruz city limits.
3. 80,000 gallons of waste per day resulting from the plant processing operation are treated in an oxidation pond.
4. Effluent from the pond is discharged through a submerged ocean outfall which terminates on the beach approximately 0.3 miles west of Natural Bridge State Park.
5. Sand deposited near the outfall has improved accessibility to recreational beaches and increased the level of beneficial uses for the area.

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6. The present discharge at times causes an unsightly bloody red color to the surrounding ocean area and interferes with the beneficial uses of the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

7. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region on December 11, 1970, adopted waste discharge requirements which require:

"1. The discharge shall be maintained on land owned or controlled by the discharger without bypass or overflow to adjacent properties, drainageways, or the ocean at any time.

"2. Neither treatment nor discharge of wastes shall cause a nuisance.

"3. Dissolved minerals in the discharge, including heavy metals and toxic materials, shall be limited to such amounts that the percolating wastes do not impair beneficial uses made of groundwaters.

"4. The public shall be excluded from the treatment and discharge areas.

"5. By February 1, 1971, Walti-Schilling and Company shall submit a report to the Board indicating procedures to be taken to comply with these requirements. The report shall include a time schedule indicating when construction will start and when compliance will be achieved.

"6. Effective September 1, 1971, the discharge to the ocean is prohibited."

8. Alternatives to ocean disposal are (a) treatment with land disposal, or (b) connection to the City of Santa Cruz municipal sewerage system.

9. A city sewer lies within ten feet of the Walti-Schilling building; therefore, major construction of sewer lines will not be required.

10. Walti-Schilling and Company has not reached an agreement with the City of Santa Cruz for service.

11. A City of Santa Cruz industrial waste ordinance requires pretreatment of industrial wastes prior to connection to the municipal system.

12. A 90-day period is a reasonable time for constructing all necessary pretreatment facilities.

13. The nine-month period allowed by the regional board for Walti-Schilling and Company to terminate its ocean discharge is unreasonable and will result in a discharge throughout the summer recreational season thereby interfering with beneficial uses of the Pacific Ocean.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Item 6 of the waste discharge requirements which reads, "Effective September 1, 1971, the discharge to the ocean is prohibited." is changed to read, "Effective May 4, 1971, the discharge to the ocean is prohibited."

2. The regional board should consider the issuance of a cease and desist order if at any time the Company appears to be unprepared to meet this schedule.

Adopted as the decision and order of the State Water Resources Control Board at a meeting duly called and held at Los Angeles, California.

Dated: February 4, 1971

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