

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11-12, 2006

Prepared on April 17, 2006

ITEM NUMBER: 18

SUBJECT: Rescission of NPDES Permit No. CA0047872, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-011, for Highlands Inn Investors, Highlands Inn Wastewater Treatment Plant, Monterey County.

KEY INFORMATION

Discharger: Highlands Inn Investors
Location: 120 Highlands Drive, Carmel, Monterey County
Discharge Type: Domestic wastewater
Discharge Volume: Up to 65,000 gallons per day
Treatment: Secondary
Process Water Disposal: Ocean Discharge
Recycling: None
Existing Order: 01-011
This Action: Rescission of Order

DISCUSSION

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, adopted NPDES Permit No. CA00447872, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-011, for Highlands Inn Investors. (Discharger) on March 23, 2001. Order No. 01-011 regulates the discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater from the Highlands Inn hotel resort and associated restaurant and laundry facilities to the Pacific Ocean.

On November 21, 2005, the Discharger began diverting all domestic wastewater from Highlands Inn to the Carmel Area Wastewater District treatment plant. Treatment and discharge operations were held in standby at the Highlands Inn wastewater treatment plant for a short period to verify the reliability of the new collection system connection. The Highlands Inn treatment plant is currently being decommissioned. Henceforth, all domestic wastewater from Highlands Inn will be conveyed to the Carmel Area Wastewater District treatment facility. Therefore, the existing permit is no longer necessary.

The pipeline upstream of the new manhole in Highlands Dr. will remain the property of the Highlands Inn. Staff will evaluate Highlands Inn for enrollment under the State Water Board's general waste discharge requirements for collection systems once it is adopted.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Staff notified interested parties of the proposed rescission on February 24, 2006.

No comments were received as of April 17, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind NPDES Permit No. CA0047872, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 01-011.

ATTACHMENT

Order No. 01-011
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