

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

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2007**  
Prepared on November 14, 2007

**ITEM NUMBER:** 16

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2006-0016, Furtado Dairy, Santa Clara County

**KEY INFORMATION:**

Treatment System Location: 7955 Ferguson Road, Santa Clara County  
Former Discharge Type: Dairy farm wastewater  
Design Capacity: Approximately one million gallons  
Former Treatment: Waste impoundments  
Former Disposal: Spray irrigation  
Reclamation: None  
Existing Orders: Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R3-2007-0016  
**Action: Rescind WDRs Order No. R3-2006-0016**

**SUMMARY**

Staff recommends the Board rescind WDRs Order No. R3-2007-0016 because the Furtado Dairy has gone out of business, all the dairy cows are gone, and no waste is generated at the site. Therefore, the site does not pose a significant threat to surface water quality.

**BACKGROUND**

Manuel Furtado (Discharger) operated a dairy on approximately 94 acres owned by the William Furtado Trust at 7955 Ferguson Road, in Santa Clara County, near Gilroy. Alambitas Creek flows along the site's southwest boundary to Llagas Creek. Staff inspected the site on May 1, 2007, and found no dairy cattle, although the Discharger had formerly fed and milked approximately 600 dairy cows there. Removal of the cows eliminated the wastewater discharge, which had reached up to 15,000 gallons per day, to the waste impoundments, which can hold up to approximately one million gallons. Subsequent inspections found the water level in the main impoundment falling, with more than 80 percent storage capacity available in the remaining impoundments. The impoundment berms were in good repair.

**DISCUSSION**

The dairy site poses little threat of discharging wastewater to surface waters because the waste discharge has ceased, the water level in the ponds continues to drop, and the impoundment berms are in good repair. Only rainwater directly falling on the impoundments and surface runoff can enter the impoundments, which retain adequate capacity for the annual inflow.

**COMMENTS**

Kendra Fortino - No response  
Ken Rosenblatt -- No response  
Peter Haase -- No Response  
William Furtado -- No response  
Manuel Furtado -- No response

**RECOMMENDATION**

Rescind Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2006-0016

**ATTACHMENT**

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2006-0016

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