

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

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2009

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ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for On-site Septic Disposal System, Aromas Water District, 490 Carpenteria Road, Aromas, San Benito County, Resolution No. R3-2009-0056

KEY INFORMATION

Location:	490 Carpenteria Road, Aromas, San Benito County
Lot Size & Type:	Approximately 1.25 acre; Rural Transitional
Type of Discharge:	Domestic Septic Wastewater
Disposal Method:	Septic system with 500 square foot leachfield (200% built) and another 100% set aside for future expansion or backup.
Design Flow:	200 gallons per day (gpd) - average
Land Owner/Discharger:	Aromas Water District
Local Oversight Agency:	San Benito County Department of Environmental Health
This Action:	Adopt Resolution No. R3-2009-0056 for Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements

SUMMARY

The proposed Waiver Resolution (Attachment 1) waives waste discharge requirements for an on-site domestic wastewater treatment and disposal system for a lot located in Aromas, San Benito County, at 490 Carpenteria Road.

An on-site subsurface septic disposal system is being proposed for three unisex bathrooms in an office building which houses the Aromas Water District office and a Sheriff's substation. The proposed on-site subsurface septic system complies with septic system criteria and prohibitions in the Basin Plan except for the minimum distance required to a reservoir spillway elevation. The Discharger requests an exemption to Basin Plan Chapter IV, Section VIII.D.3.i.10, which requires a minimum 200 foot setback between a septic system leachfield and reservoirs. The Discharger's current site plan indicates a maximum distance of 101 feet between the septic system and a stormwater detention basin.

This particular prohibition no longer exists under the revised Basin Plan approved by the Water Board on May 9, 2008. State Water Board approval of the revised Basin Plan revision is still pending.

Water Board staff finds that a waiver of waste discharge requirements is in the public interest and is consistent with applicable water quality control plans, including the Basin Plan. If the proposed on-site disposal system is properly operated and maintained in accordance with San Benito County ordinances, permit conditions, and the conditions of this Waiver Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. R3-2009-0056 as proposed.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Resolution No. R3-2009-0056

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