
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region Staff Summary Report December 4-5, 2024

ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Order No. R1-2024-0055, to consider rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) for the following Discharger:

- Willits Environmental Remediation Trust (WERT), former Abex Corporation – Remco Hydraulics facility, WDRs Order No. R1-2009-0001 and MRP No. R1-2009-0001 (Cody Walker)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2024-0055.

BACKGROUND: North Coast Regional Water Board staff manage approximately 174 active, individual WDRs regulating land discharges of treated domestic wastewater, commercial wastewater, and combined industrial wastewater. Staff periodically review active WDRs to assess whether a discharge permit, due to its age, new information about the discharge, or as a result of the promulgation of new regulations, requires revision or termination, or whether the discharge is more appropriately regulated under a different permit or local program. Based on a recent assessment, staff have determined that the WERT former Abex Corporation – Remco Hydraulics facility with individual WDRs are no longer needed because clean-up activities and discharges are no longer occurring.

DISCUSSION: The changes to the regulatory coverage for the former Abex Corporation – Remco Hydraulics facility included in this Order are summarized below:

- **WERT former Abex Corporation – Remco Hydraulics facility, Willits, Mendocino County.** This facility was issued an individual permit, Order No. 2009-0001, for the discharge of reducing agents to treat contaminated groundwater, which included volatile organic compounds and hexavalent chromium. The groundwater remediation is considered successful by staff and the discharge of reducing agents is no longer needed.

The draft Order was made available for public comment from October 17, 2024 to November 18, 2024. No comments were received. This item is uncontested.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Order No. R1-2024-0055, as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2024-0055
2. Public Notice