

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: Hilmar County Water District, Wastewater Treatment Facility,
Merced County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Special Order to Rescind Cease and Desist
Order and Waste Discharge Orders*

BACKGROUND: The Regional Water Board adopted WDRs Order No. 85-288 for
the discharge of wastewater from the Hilmar County Water
District's WWTF. In 1997, because of overloading of the WWTF,
the Regional Water Board adopted CDO No. 97-103, which
included a time schedule to complete necessary modifications to
the WWTF. In 2000, the Regional Water Board adopted Special
Order No. 5-00-036, modifying the CDO to extend the time
schedule because of difficulties in obtaining funding for the new
WWTF.

In lieu of modifying the existing wastewater treatment facility, the
Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge for a new
WWTF. The Regional Water Board adopted WDRs Order No.
99-077, prescribing requirements for the proposed WWTF.

The Discharger has replaced the WWTF and has now completed
the required actions of CDO No. 97-103. All discharges
regulated by WDRs Order No. 85-288 have ceased. Final
issues were resolved with the Discharger's submittal of
additional groundwater monitoring data, a site closure plan, and
certification that stockpiled sludge has been removed from the
original WWTF.

ISSUES None

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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