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SUBJECT: Kraft Foods, Inc., Visalia Plant, Tulare County

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of Order Rescinding Time Schedule Order and NPDES Permit

BACKGROUND: On 21 October 2005, the Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2005-0149 and the companion Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R5-2005-0150 authorizing Kraft Foods, Inc. to discharge up to 25,000 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water from the initial cooling cycle for three cottage cheese process starter tanks and from evaporation pump seals. The TSO required the Discharger to develop, submit, and implement methods to comply with a new chlorine effluent limitation in WDRs Order No. R5-2005-0149 by 23 October 2006.

On 27 February 2006, the Discharger submitted a written request to rescind Order Nos. R5-2005-0149 and R5-2005-0150. The request states that discharge to Mill Creek ceased on 19 January 2006 and was rerouted to the Visalia Wastewater Treatment Facility. A site visit by Regional Water Board staff noted that the Discharger appeared to have severed the connection between the cooling water discharge line and the storm drain. In addition, the current plant owner/operator, Provisions Food Company, does not wish to re-establish non-contact cooling water discharges to Mill Creek. Therefore, it is appropriate to rescind both the WDRs and the TSO.

On 10 June 2008, staff circulated for public comment a proposed Order that would rescind Order Nos. R5-2005-0149 and R5-2005-0150. Comments concerning removal of the outfall to Mill Creek were received from Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD). However, KDWCD did not object to the proposed Order.

ISSUES: No known issues. Written comments are not due until after completion of this agenda material. If additional comments are received, Staff's response to those comments will be provided to the Regional Water Board and interested parties as soon as possible.

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