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SUBJECT: Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc., Hilmar Cheese Processing Plant,  
Merced County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Rescission of Time Schedule Order R5-2010-0009*

BACKGROUND: Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc. ([Hilmar Cheese](#)) was issued Waste Discharge Requirements ([WDRs](#)) Order R5-2010-0008 on 29 January 2010. However, Hilmar Cheese was not able to immediately comply with Effluent Limitation B.1 for electrical conductivity, total dissolved solids, biochemical oxygen demand, chloride, and total nitrogen. Time Schedule Order ([TSO](#)) R5-2010-0009 was issued in January 2010 to establish a time schedule for Hilmar Cheese to achieve compliance with the WDRs.

The TSO required the Hilmar Cheese to comply with the following:

1. A Work Plan indicating what treatment system will be used to treat wastewater to the numerical limits listed in Effluent Limitation B.1 by 15 May 2010
2. Submit progress reports quarterly from 15 July 2010 until final compliance.
3. Full Compliance by 15 February 2011 if UF/RO technology is implemented.
4. Full Compliance by 15 July 2011 if anything other than UF/RO technology is implemented.

Hilmar Cheese has complied with the terms of TSO R5-2010-0009 and has ceased discharging high-strength wastewater to the Primary Lands. Further, the monitoring reports since January 2010 show the discharge has been compliant with final Effluent Limitations B.1 and B.2 of WDR Order R5-2010-0008.

RECOMMENDATION: Rescind Time Schedule Order R5-2010-0009.

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