

ITEM: 16

SUBJECT: City of Willows and ECO Resources, Willows Wastewater Treatment Plant, Glenn County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal and Cease and Desist Order*

BACKGROUND: The City of Willows and ECO Resources (collectively referred to as Discharger) have applied for renewal of its existing NPDES permit for discharge of up to 1.2 mgd (average daily dry weather flow) of treated and disinfected municipal wastewater to Agricultural Drain C and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Lateral 26-2.

The Discharger has tested effluent and receiving waters for the constituents listed in the National Toxics Rule and the California Toxics Rule in accordance with the State Implementation Policy. The city is currently in the process of upgrading the treatment plant to meet more stringent effluent limitations. Because the sampling that has been performed is not representative of the future effluent, the discharger is required to test the effluent and new receiving water for the National Toxics Rule and the California Toxics Rule. If the results of this sampling indicate the need for additional effluent limitations, the permit will be opened for the purpose of adding these limitations.

Since 2002, the Discharger has been under a Cease and Desist Order (No. R5-2002-0105) requiring compliance with the effluent limits for ammonia. The Discharger is currently constructing plant improvements to meet the ammonia effluent limitations, but because of difficulties obtaining funding for the project, the Discharger will not be able to meet the final compliance schedule date of 1 March 2006. The existing Cease and Desist Order will be rescinded and a new Cease and Desist Order adopted with a revised schedule for compliance by 1 March 2007.

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