

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION R5-2011-_____

ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND
APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY
FOR
HATHAWAY, LLC
REUSE OF OIL FIELD PRODUCTION WASTEWATER
FOR IRRIGATION
KERN FRONT OIL FIELD
KERN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) finds:

1. The Central Valley Water Board proposes to adopt a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver) for the reuse of oil field wastewater produced from an oil field lease owned and operated by Hathaway, LLC (Discharger) to blend with irrigation water used to irrigate approximately 120-acres of citrus grown on the Concordia Ranch (Ranch) in Kern County.
2. The Central Valley Water Board is the lead agency for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and has conducted an Initial Study in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, entitled *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*.
3. The Discharger's oil producing facility on the Davies Realty Co. Lease (hereafter Lease) in the Kern Front Oil Field is an existing facility that currently discharges wastewater to a Class II injection well permitted by the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of mile northeast of the Concordia Ranch.
4. Copies of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration were transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters. No comments were received.
5. The Central Valley Water Board considered all testimony and evidence at a hearing held on 13 October 2011 in Rancho Cordova, California and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration.
6. Central Valley Water Board staff drafted a Tentative Waiver that incorporates the various findings described in the Initial Study. The proposed Waiver contains discharge prohibitions, a monitoring and reporting program, and was developed to protect the beneficial uses of underlying groundwater and prevent conditions of pollution or nuisance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 21080, et seq. of the California Public Resources Code, the Central Valley Water Board, after considering the entire record, including written and oral testimony at the hearing:

1. Approves the Initial Study and adopts the Negative Declaration for the adoption of a Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements (Waiver) and Monitoring and Reporting Program for the reuse of oil field produced water from the Hathaway, LLC Lease when blended for irrigation on the Ranch.
2. Finds the record before the Central Valley Water Board contains no substantial evidence that a fair argument has been made that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 13 October 2011.

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer