

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 0017**

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THE STATE
WATER POLLUTION CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) FOR
INVESTIGATION AND CLEANUP AT LINDSAY FOODS INC./CONSOLE FOODS INC.,
TULARE COUNTY**

WHEREAS:

1. Lindsay Olive Growers, Inc. (LOG) processed, stored and packaged olives from 1916 until 1992. During this time, discharges of salt and olive processing brine impacted soil and groundwater;
2. In 1993, LOG filed for bankruptcy and 1996 Console Foods, Inc. (Console) purchased the plant for a vegetable processing facility and later changed its name to Lindsay Foods International;
3. During three site assessments conducted between 1992-1995, analysis of groundwater monitoring well samples determined that concentrations of chloride in groundwater as high as 50,000 mg/L were present, which are some of the highest chloride concentrations in the San Joaquin Valley;
4. Groundwater in the region is of very high quality, with chloride concentrations varying from 75-400 mg/L. Groundwater is used as a source for drinking and agriculture;
5. Approximately 15-20 wells exist within one-half mile of the site, and they are used for domestic, agricultural and industrial water supply. The City of Lindsay standby municipal drinking water well #11 is approximately one-quarter mile west of the site;
6. A contract is needed to review existing information and propose a plan to (a) complete the hydrogeologic characterization, (b) determine whether local wells have been impacted, (c) install groundwater monitoring wells, (d) replace any impacted water supply wells, (e) monitor groundwater, and (f) propose remediation; and
7. A check in the amount of \$298,909 was deposited into the CAA from LOG for cleanup at the Plant site. An additional \$21,091 from the CAA is requested for a total of \$320,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board approves \$320,000 to monitor wells and investigate, and remediate ground water affected by discharges from the Lindsay Foods International/Console Foods Inc., site in Tulare County.

CERTIFICATION

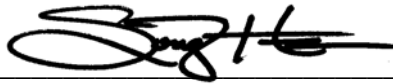
The undersigned, Acting Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on March 8, 2006.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
Gerald D. Secundy
Arthur G. Baggett
Richard Katz

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board