

Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region  
Staff Summary Report  
February 18-19, 2026

**ITEM: 4**

**SUBJECT:**

Public Hearing on Rescission Order No. R1-2026-0003 (Rescission Order) to consider Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2019-0007 for the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility (Facility), WDID No. 1B84124OSON (Tina Low)

**BOARD ACTION:**

The Board will consider Rescission Order No. R1-2026-0003. The Rescission Order will rescind Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone and Sonoma County Water Agency's Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2019-0007.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water or Permittee) owns and previously operated the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), a municipal wastewater treatment plant. The Facility is located at 800 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California in Sonoma County.

The Facility historically discharged secondary and tertiary treated municipal wastewater to effluent storage ponds and water reclamation systems under Order No. R1-2019-0007, Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Reclamation Requirements (Permit), adopted by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on April 18, 2019. In accordance with conditions in this Permit, secondary treated wastewater was discharged to a storage pond and pasture irrigation at the Sonoma County Airport, and tertiary treated wastewater was discharged to tertiary recycled water storage ponds, land applied for irrigation or transferred to Windsor and Santa Rosa reclamation systems. As of July 1, 2025, the Permittee no longer operates the Facility, and the Facility no longer discharges to waters of the State.

**DISCUSSION:**

On June 4, 2024, Sonoma Water and Windsor Water District (Windsor) entered into an agreement titled *Agreement Between the Windsor Water District and Sonoma County Water Agency Regarding Wastewater Collection and Treatment* (Agreement). The Agreement includes provisions to transfer wastewater treatment responsibilities of the wastewater flow entering the Airport Plant from Sonoma Water to Windsor. As of July 1, 2025, Windsor is responsible for treating all wastewater transferred from the Facility to the Windsor Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation, and Disposal Facility (Windsor WRF). Flows from the Facility are conveyed through a newly constructed intertie connection pipeline into the Windsor collection system. The intertie connection pipeline is owned by both Sonoma Water and Windsor and will be regulated under the Sanitary Sewer System General Order (Order WQ 2022-0103-DWQ), as part of the Facility's and Windsor's collection systems. While Sonoma Water plans to retain ownership of the Facility, Windsor is responsible for treatment and discharge of this wastewater in accordance with applicable permits. The Windsor WRF is authorized to discharge subject to waste discharge requirements in Order No. R1-2020-0010 and NPDES Permit No. CA0023345.

Additionally, per the Agreement, Windsor is also responsible for operation and maintenance of infrastructure at the Facility (e.g., pumps, pipes, ponds, electrical systems) used to convey wastewater from the Facility to Windsor's WRF. As of July 1, 2025, the Permittee does not operate the Facility, and the Facility no longer discharges to waters of the State. Responsibilities for distributing recycled water to users have also been transferred to Windsor. Therefore, waste discharge requirements are no longer needed at the Facility.

A copy of the Draft Rescission Order was posted on the Regional Water Board website and was available for public comment from November 7, 2025, through December 10, 2025, for a 30-day comment period. No comments were received.

Staff anticipates that the Rescission Order will be uncontested.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of the Rescission Order as proposed.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

1. Proposed Rescission Order No. R1-2026-0003
2. Notice of Public Hearing