

Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Staff Summary Report
February 18-19, 2026

ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider adoption of Order No. R1-2026-0002, which rescinds Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and associated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) for the following Dischargers:

- Anderson Valley Unified School District Bus Barn (AVUSD Bus Barn), WDR Order No. R1-2004-0060, WDID No. 1B98062RMEN, Mendocino County
- Best Cleaners, WDR Order No. R1-2009-0066, WDID No. 1B08063RSON, Sonoma County

(Michael Sullivan)

BOARD ACTION: The Board will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2026-0002, rescinding the WDRs associated with AVUSD Bus Barn and Best Cleaners.

BACKGROUND: The North Coast Regional Water Board Site Cleanups Unit oversees investigation and remediation of sites with discharges of contaminants to the subsurface. The two referenced sites performed groundwater cleanup involving subsurface injectants at Best Cleaners and groundwater extraction and land discharge at the Alexander Valley Unified School District (AVUSD) Bus Barn. These actions effectively reduced contaminant levels, and with Water Board approval, all injections and extractions at these sites have ceased. As discharge of treated water to land, surface water, and groundwater have ceased the WDRs are no longer necessary, and we request the rescission of the WDRs for both cases.

DISCUSSION: The changes to the regulatory coverage for the Anderson Valley Unified School District Bus Barn in Boonville and Best Cleaners in Santa Rosa are included in this Order are summarized below:

- **Anderson Valley Unified School District Bus Barn**, Boonville, Mendocino County. The AVUSD Bus Barn site in Boonville, Mendocino County, included bus fuel storage tanks, a soccer field, and an active school. A groundwater treatment system was installed in 2004 and WDR R1-2004-0060 was issued to allow treated groundwater to be discharged for irrigation use on the AVUSD property. The WDR Order No. R1-2004-0060 is being rescinded because the discharge is no longer occurring. The latest MRP (R1-2025-0012) will remain in effect to continue investigating subsurface contamination until case closure is granted.

- **Best Cleaners**, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. Best Cleaners is a former dry-cleaning facility at the southeast corner of the Safeway shopping center in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. In 2009, WDR Order No. R1-2009-0066 and MRP Order No. R1-2009-0067 were adopted to regulate injection of reductive dechlorination agents for remediation. Subsequent MRPs (2014-0040, 2017-0018, and 2025-0018) progressively reduced monitoring frequency as remediation progressed. The last injection event occurred in June 2020, and the remediation method requiring the WDR is no longer needed. WDR Order No. R1-2009-0066 is being rescinded because the discharge of injectant material has ceased. The current MRP (R1-2025-0018) remains necessary to monitor groundwater and assess whether case closure is appropriate.

The Board's action to rescind these WDRs is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility of significant environmental effect due to the discontinued discharges regulated under these WDRs.

The draft Rescission Order was made available for public comment from December 15, 2025, to January 16, 2026. This item is uncontested.

COMMENTS RECEIVED:

On November 16, 2025, staff received a comment from Yoriko Kishimoto, a neighbor of the AVUSD Bus Barn, requesting removal of the hose discharging from the former treatment system to a pond on her property. The Regional Water Board inspected the site and confirmed that the treatment system hose was still present on her property. AVUSD agreed to remove it and tasked their consultant to complete the work during the next sampling round.

RECOMENDATON: Adopt Order No. R1-2026-0002, as proposed.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proposed Order No. R1-2026-0002
2. Public Notice AVUSD Bus Barn and Best Cleaners