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REQUIREMENTS/WATER WASTE DISCHARGE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS (WDRs/WRRs) AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED SUSTAIN ABILITY, LLC - HOLLANDIA PRODUCE, LLC, 6135 ROSE AVENUE, OXNARD, CALIFORNIA (ORDER NO. R4-2013-0179, FILE NO. 11-187, CI NO. 10016, GLOBAL ID WDR100001875)

Dear Ms. McNelly:

Our letter of October 10, 2013, transmitted tentative Waste Discharge Requirements/Water Recycling Requirements (WDRs/WRRs), a Standard Provisions Applicable to WDR, and a Monitoring and Reporting Program for Advanced Sustain Ability, LLC – Hollandia Produce, LLC.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) at a public meeting held on December 5, 2013, reviewed the tentative WDRs/WRRs, considered all factors in the case, and adopted WDRs/WRRs Order No. R4-2013-0179 (copies enclosed) relative to this discharge. The adopted WDRs/WRRs will be posted on the Regional Board's website at:

#### http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\_decisions/adopted\_orders/

The Regional Board is implementing the paperless office system. The Discharger shall comply with the Electronic Submittal of Information (ESI) requirements by submitting all reports required under the WDRs, including groundwater monitoring data, discharge location data, and pdf monitoring reports to the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database under Global ID WDR100001875. ESI training video is available at:

https://waterboards.webex.com/waterboards/ldr.php?AT=pb&SP=MC&rID=44145287&rKey=7d ad4352c990334b

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1. WDRs/WRRs Order No. R4-2013-0179
- 2. Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 10016
- 3. Standard Provisions Applicable to WDRs.

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## ORDER NO. R4-2013- 0179 (FILE NO. 11-187) CI NO. 10016

## WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND WATER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED SUSTAIN ABILITY, LLC AND HOLLANDIA PRODUCE, LLC (HOLLANDIA PRODUCE)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) finds:

### PURPOSE OF ORDER

- 1. On February 25, 2013, Advanced Sustain Ability, LLC (hereinafter Discharger) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (RoWD) to the Regional Board for the land application of vegetable processing wastewater from Hollandia Produce, LLC (Hollandia Produce, also referred as Discharger). The RoWD was submitted for the future vegetable growing hydroponically facility and associated wastewater treatment and land application.
- 2. The Discharger owns and will operate Hollandia Produce (facility). Hollandia Produce is a vegetable growing and processing facility located at 6135 Rose Avenue, near the intersection of State Route 118 and Rose Avenue in the community of El Rio, the unincorporated area of Ventura County (Site). The processing facility and the land application area is on Assessor's Parcel No. 147-0-060-290.

## BACKGROUND

- 3. The Site was formerly under a kentia palm tree farm operation from 1987 to 2011. The Site contains a 1,722 square-foot residence that was converted to an office, a walnut dehydrator, a 4,335 square-foot barn, approximately 2.5 acres of covered greenhouse structures, 25.4 acres of lath house growing facilities, and shop/storage/equipment shed buildings; all of which have been on the property since the late 1800's.
- 4. The Discharger acquired the property in 2011 and plans to demolish 1,341,755 square feet (sq. ft.) of greenhouses and lath houses that grew ornamental nursery kentia palms, and replace those structures with 1,471,999 sq. ft. of greenhouse facility. The proposed greenhouses will enclose an automated hydroponic growing system for row crops such as butter lettuce, arugula and other leafy greens.
- 5. The Discharger's proposed 1,471,999 sq. ft. greenhouse facility will be constructed in four phases with the final build out anticipated being within 8 years of initial construction.
- 6. The Discharger is a grower/packer/processor/shipper of lettuce and other leafy greens located on a 41.5-acre property in the Oxnard Forebay.

- 7. At full facility build-out, the Discharger proposes to discharge approximately 37,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treated wastewater. The wastewater treatment system has a design treatment and disposal capacity of 175,000 gpd.
- 8. Currently, the facility uses water from a private on-site well (Well 02N22W12R03S) located in the southeast corner of the facility. This well may be replaced with a new water production well. Both groundwater extracted from the private on-site well, and harvested rainwater will be used in the hydroponic growing system and for irrigation at the Site. During dry conditions, when rainwater is not available, groundwater will serve all Site water needs.
- 9. The Discharger is restricted by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency to extracting a maximum of 58.7 acre-feet per year (approximately 19.1 million gallons per year) from the private on-site well, which has a total depth of 697 feet.
- 10. The facility is located in a rural area of Ventura County, and is not able to connect to a sanitary sewer system in a cost-effective manner. Currently, the domestic wastewater is discharged into three existing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) found at the Site. The three OWTS are comprised of a tank and leachlines. The three OWTS were installed between 1988 and 1989. No commercial or industrial wastes are discharged into the septic disposal system.
- 11. The OWTS #1 is located in the northeast corner of the Site and serves the office/ residence. OWTS #2 is located in the central eastern side of the Site and OWTS#3 is located in the middle of the Site. Both OWTS #2 and OWTS #3 are currently connected to the restrooms located in the existing greenhouses and lath houses.
- 12. The quality of effluent from the three existing OWTS has not been monitored. As a result, the quality of the effluent from the existing OWTS and its impact to groundwater are not known. Therefore, a groundwater monitoring program is necessary to evaluate any impacts from the discharge of waste to groundwater, and to determine the migration potential of waste discharged to groundwater (refer to Groundwater Limitations C3, page 13 for groundwater monitoring).

## FACILITY AND TREATMENT PROCESS DESCRIPTION

- 13. Hollandia Produce, LLC and land application area are located in and around Section 20, T1N, R21W, San Bernardino Base & Meridian (See Figure 1. Water Process Diagram, Figure 2. Nearby Land Use Map, and Figure 3. Location of OWTS). The facility approximate latitude is 34° 15' 51.11", longitude 119° 7' 52.51".
- 14. The proposed 1,471,999 sq. ft. of greenhouse facilities will be laid out for seedling and the plants will be grown in an elevated hydroponic system (crops are not grown in the ground) until harvesting. Then they will be packaged and put onto transport vehicles for distribution.

- 15. The greenhouse facilities will also house buried, lined and covered basins for collection of rain runoff from the structure roof to supply water to the hydroponic growing system when it rains. This water coupled with the groundwater pumping allocation will be conditioned in a computer controlled above ground storage tank to develop the optimal hydroponic process.
- 16. At full facility build-out, and under dry weather conditions, approximately 20,801 gpd of the extracted groundwater from the private on-site well will be treated in a reverse osmosis (RO) unit. About 15,623 gpd of the RO-treated water will be blended with harvested rain water in the hydroponic irrigation water storage tank (when available), and with additional untreated groundwater, which will make up to total volume of approximately 21,000 gpd to be used in the hydroponic growing system after adding nutrients.
- 17. At full facility build-out, and under dry weather conditions, approximately 5,178 gpd of the RO-reject water will be stored in the RO-reject water discharge storage tank. This water is used for cleaning in the harvest area.
- 18. At full facility build-out, and under dry weather conditions, approximately 5,178 gpd of RO-reject water, 27,407 gpd of untreated well water, and an estimated 893 gpd of hydroponic process wastewater will be blended. The resulting water mixture, total volume 33,478 gpd, will be applied to on-site landscaping, including a constructed rain garden. Blended water will not be used for irrigation during periods of rainfall and/or runoff, and during these periods RO-reject water (5,178 gpd) and hydroponic process wastewater (893 gpd) will be stored on site. During periods of rainfall and/or runoff, the untreated well water, volume 27,407 gpd, will not be pumped or stored on site.
- 19. Blended discharge water will be channeled into concrete-lined sumps with a total capacity of 7,000 gallons. Wastewater in the sumps will then be pumped to an above ground storage tank with pumping rates of 300 gallons per minute. Water from the above ground storage tank will be pumped out and utilized for year-round irrigation on approximately 1.02 acre of Kentia palm field controlled by the Discharger. The Discharger may add cover crops in the rows between the Kentia palms rain garden. Other crops may be acceptable as longs as the discharge complies with the Effluent Limitations.
- 20. Three groundwater wells 02N22W12R01S, 02N22W12R02S, and 02N22W12R03S have historically been used on the property. Well 02N22W12R01S is inactive, and has been abandoned with concrete. Well 02N22W12R02S is used by United Water Conservation District as a monitoring well. Well 02N22W12R03S is active, and will be used by Hollandia Produce for water production on the property.
- 21. Well 02N22W12R001S belonged to the Ventura County Flood Control District. Measurements made in this screened well identified groundwater levels fluctuating from 78.6 feet below grade to 136.8 feet below grade during the period of record (1991 and 2005).
- 22. The storage capacity for RO-reject water and hydroponic process wastewater is 30,000 gallons, or about five (5) days of maximum discharge of RO-reject (5,178 gpd) and hydroponic process wastewater (893 gpd).

23. Results of laboratory analyses of groundwater samples from on-site well 02N22W12R03S (collected by Hollandia Staff on 11/15/2011 and analyzed by J. R. Laboratory, Allentown, PA) are shown on Table 1.

Constituents	Units <sup>1</sup>	On-site well 02N22W12R0 3S
Sulfate	mg/L	398
Chloride	mg/L	56.1
Boron	mg/L	0.632
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	mg/L	843
Ammonium as N	mg/L	0.560
Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	0.00
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	1.07
Phosphorous	mg/L	0.828
Potassium	mg/L	5.39
Aluminum	mg/L	0.131
Iron	mg/L	0.021
Manganese	mg/L	0.00
Copper	mg/L	0.00
Zinc	mg/L	0.016
Total coliform	MPN/100ml	<1.0
Fecal coliform	MPN/100ml	<1.0

Table 1.	Groundwater	Quality at a	on-site well	02N22W12R03S
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<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL = most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters

#### Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

- 24. At full facility build-out, the Discharger will have approximately 43 employees at the Site. All employees will be served by the three advanced OWTS. Approximately 3,400 gallons per day (gpd) of treated wastewater will be discharged through the three septic systems without any disinfection.
- 25. The Discharger is proposing to repair the existing OWTS #1, which will serve the existing 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms office/residence to be used as residence by the Site caregiver and greenhouse bathrooms. OWTS #2 located in the eastern portion of the parcel and OWTS #3 located in the middle of the parcel, will be abandoned from their current location in accordance with County of Ventura Environmental Health Division guidelines as part of the Phase 1 improvements and will be relocated outside of the proposed greenhouse structure (Phase 1). The relocated OWTS #2 will serve the proposed office staff that will be intermittently onsite to monitor the Site. OWTS #3 will be relocated to a point on the northwest side of the Phase 1 improvements to serve the restrooms in the seedling area.
- 26. OWTS #1 consists of a 1,200-gallon septic tank connected to three 30 feet long by 30 inches wide by 30 inches deep leachlines. OWTS #2 will consist of a 2,500-gallon septic tank connected to three 30 feet long by 30 inches wide by 30 inches deep leachlines.

OWTS #3 will consist of a 2,500-gallon septic tank connected to three 30 feet long by 30 inches wide by 30 inches deep leachlines.

- 27. Hollandia Produce is proposing to install Orenco Systems, Inc. AdvanTex® trickling biofilters (attached growth aerobic treatment systems) to the on-site septic systems to improve effluent water quality. The proposed advanced OWTS Advantex® System features a small fiberglass basin filled with a highly absorbent textile material that receives effluent from the septic tank. Bacteria on the geotextile fabric digest solids and produce a clear, odorless effluent that exceeds Secondary Treatment Standards and then the effluent from the treatment system will be distributed to a series of three (3) 30 feet long by 30 inches wide leachfields.
- 28. In 2011, Hollandia Produce, LLC collected hydroponic process wastewater. The laboratory analyses results are shown in Table 2. Also shown in Table 2 are the anticipated blended spray water irrigation water quality for dry-weather conditions and anticipated domestic waste water quality after AdvanTex treatment.

Constituents	Units <sup>1</sup>	Reverse Osmosis Reject Water	Hydroponic Process Water <sup>2</sup>	Blended Spray Water Irrigation	Domestic wastewater using AdvanTex
BOD₅20°C	mg/L				<10
Total suspended solids	mg/L				<10
Total nitrogen as N	mg/L				<10
Sulfate	mg/L	1,456	500	565	
Chloride	mg/L	171	3.7	72	
Boron	mg/L	1.5	0.66	0.8	
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	mg/L	3,059	1,332	1,199	
Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	7.7	270	8.4	
Nitrate as N	mg/L	1.7	60	1.9	
Phosphorous	mg/L	4.1	38		9
Potassium	mg/L	25	20		
Total coliform	MPN/100mL				
Fecal coliform	MPN/100mL				2X10 <sup>5</sup>

#### Table 2. Analytical results for the wastewater sources at Hollandia Produce

<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL = most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters

<sup>2</sup>Hydroponic process water will be blended with extracted groundwater and rainwater (when available) for reuse for irrigation.

#### SITE-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

29. Hollandia Produce overlies the Oxnard Forebay of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin in the Oxnard Hydrologic Subbasin in the Santa Clara River Basin. The Oxnard Subbasin is bounded on the north by the Oak Ridge fault and on the south by the contact of permeable alluvium with the semi-permeable rocks of the Santa Monica Mountains, on the east by the Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley Basins, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

- 30. Five aquifers are recognized in this subbasin, with the Oxnard Aquifer and the Fox Canyon Aquifer as the two primary fresh water-bearing units.
- 31. The Oxnard Aquifer consists of late Pleistocene to Holocene age sands and gravels that were deposited in a coalescing alluvial fan setting that forms the Oxnard alluvial plain. These sediments are coarse and very permeable within the Forebay, but include thicker deposits of fine material toward the coast.
- 32. The silt and clay deposits form a low permeability cap over the high permeability sand and gravel. These confining clays are absent in the Point Mugu area, allowing direct recharge to the gravel deposits in the southern part of the subbasin. Sand and gravel layers overlie the silt and clay deposits forming a semi-perched aquifer of poor quality water. The upper Pleistocene alluvial gravels lie unconformably over folded lower Pleistocene San Pedro Formation.
- 33. The San Pedro Formation is comprised of three primary members. The San Pedro Formation contains relatively thin sand and gravel deposits in its upper portion, a thick silt and clay dominated middle section, and a widespread thick permeable gravel member at the base of the formation called the Fox Canyon Aquifer.
- 34. The Fox Canyon Aquifer deposits are in contact with the upper Pleistocene gravels in the Forebay, but separated from them throughout most of the subbasin by silts and clays within the San Pedro Formation.
- 35. The Oxnard Subbasin is replenished by percolation of surface flow from the Santa Clara River, into the Oxnard Forebay. The subbasin is also recharged by precipitation and floodwater from the Calleguas Creek drainage, which percolate into the unconfined gravels near Mugu Lagoon. Subsurface flow from Santa Paula Subbasin makes its way over or across the Oak Ridge fault, and some underflow may come from the Las Posas and Pleasant Valley Basins on the east.
- 36. Land use in the Hollandia Produce vicinity is primarily agricultural. The topography of the surrounding area is level.
- 37. Depth to groundwater at the Site ranges from a depth of 14.6 feet to 136.8 feet below ground surface (bgs). Groundwater flows in a southwesterly direction towards the Santa Clara River.

#### APPLICABLE PLANS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

38. Water Quality Control Plan for the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (Basin Plan) – On June 13, 1994, the Regional Board adopted a revised Basin Plan. The Basin Plan (i) designates beneficial uses for surface and groundwater, (ii) establishes narrative and numeric water quality objectives that must be attained or maintained to protect the designated beneficial uses, and (iii) sets forth implementation programs to protect the beneficial uses of the waters of the state. The Basin Plan also incorporates State Board Resolution 68-16 (see finding No. 23 below for detail). In addition, the Basin Plan incorporates by reference applicable State and Regional Board plans and policies and other pertinent water quality policies and regulations. The Regional Board prepared the 1994 update of the Basin Plan to be

consistent with previously adopted State and Regional Board plans and policies. This Order implements the plans, policies and provisions of the Regional Board's Basin Plan.

39. Hollandia Produce is located in the Oxnard Plain (Oxnard Forebay area) Hydrologic area and overlies the Ventura Central Groundwater Basin. The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses and water quality objectives for the Oxnard Plain—unconfined and perched aquifers and Ventura Central Groundwater Basin waterbody as following:

#### Groundwater (Oxnard Forebay):

Existing: Municipal and Domestic Supply, Industrial Service Supply, Industrial Process Supply, and Agricultural Supply.

40. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) established primary and secondary MCLs for inorganic, organic, and radioactive contaminants in drinking water. These MCLs are codified in Title 22, CCR. The Basin Plan (Chapter 3) incorporates Title 22 primary maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) by reference. This incorporation by reference is prospective, including future changes to the incorporated provisions as the changes take effect. Title 22 primary MCLs are applicable limitations for a receiving water to protect beneficial uses when that receiving water is designated as municipal and domestic supply. Also, the Basin Plan specifies that "Ground waters shall not contain taste or odor-producing substances in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses." Therefore the secondary MCLs, which are limits based on aesthetic, organoleptic standards, are also incorporated into this permit to protect groundwater quality.

It is the policy of the State of California that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes. This order promotes that policy by requiring discharges to meet maximum contaminant levels designed to protect human health and ensure that water is safe for domestic use.

- 41. **State Board Resolution No. 68-16** ("Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality Waters in California", also called the "Antidegradation Policy") requires the Regional Board, in regulating the discharge of waste, to maintain high quality waters of the state until it is demonstrated that any change in quality will be consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State, will not unreasonably affect beneficial uses, and will not result in water quality less than that described in the State Board's policies (e.g., quality that exceeds water quality objectives). The Regional Board finds that the discharge, as allowed in these WDRs, is consistent with Resolution No. 68-16 since this Order (1) requires compliance with the requirements sets forth in this Order, including the use of best practicable treatment and control of the discharges, (2) requires implementation of MRP; and (3) requires discharges to be treated to comply with water quality objectives and WRRs.
- 42. The requirements contained in this Order are in conformance with the goals and objectives of the Basin Plan and implement the requirements of the California Water Code and Water Recycling Criteria and Policy.

- 43. Recycled Water Policy On February 9, 2009, the State Board adopted Resolution No. 2009-0011, the State Board Recycled Water Policy. The Policy was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on May 14, 2012. This Recycled Water Policy is intended to support the State Board's Strategic Plan to promote sustainable local water supplies. Increasing the acceptance and promoting the use of recycled water is a means towards achieving sustainable local water supplies and can result in reduction in greenhouse gases, a significant driver of climate change. The Recycled Water Policy is also intended to encourage beneficial use of, rather than solely disposal of, recycled water generated from municipal wastewater sources in a manner that fully implements state and federal water quality laws.
- 44. CWC section 13523.5 on water recycling requirements states that a Regional Board may not deny issuance of water recycling requirements to a project that violates only a salinity standard in a basin plan. In 1985, soon after this provision was added to the Water Code, the State Board Office of Chief Counsel issued a legal opinion concluding that this provision does not apply to waste discharge requirements. Hence, waste discharge requirements for recycled water projects may contain effluent and other limitations on discharges of salts as necessary to meet water quality objectives, comply with the Antidegradation Policy, or otherwise protect beneficial uses.
- 45. These WRRs are proposed pursuant to CWC section 13523. The WRRs prescribe the limits for recycled water and the Discharger's responsibilities for the production and monitoring of recycled water. The Discharger is also responsible for inspecting point-of-use facilities, and ensuring compliance with the WRRs contained in this Order. The distribution and irrigation systems will be maintained by the Discharger.
- 46. This Order establishes limitations that will not unreasonably threaten present and anticipated beneficial uses or result in receiving quality that exceeds water quality objectives set forth in the Basin Plan. This means that where the stringency of the limitations for the same waste constituent differs according to beneficial use, the most stringent applies as the governing limitation for that waste constituent. This Order contains tasks for assuring that BPTC and the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State will be achieved. Accordingly, the discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of Resolution 68-16. Based on the results of the scheduled tasks, the Regional Board may reopen this Order to reconsider groundwater limitations and other requirements to comply with Resolution 68-16.
- 47. Excessive application of process wastewater to land application areas can create objectionable odors, soil conditions that are harmful to crops and degradation of underlying groundwater by overloading the shallow soil profile and causing waste or soil constituents (organic carbon, nitrate, dissolved solids, and metals) to percolate below the root zone. If sufficient information becomes available, this Order may be revised to increase or further reduce loading rates as appropriate.
- 48. The use of recycled wastewater for the irrigation of kentia palms could affect the public health, safety, or welfare; requirements for such use are therefore necessary in accordance with section 13523 of the California Water Code.

- 49. The California Department of Public Health adopted Water Recycling Criteria that became effective on January 2009. Applicable criteria to the recycling project are prescribed in this Order.
- 50. Pursuant to California Code Section 13263(g), discharges is a privilege, not a right, and adoption of this Order does not create a vested right to continue the discharge.
- 51. The Regional Water Board will review this Order periodically and will revise requirements when necessary.
- 52. Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code (CWC) states, in part, that "In conducting an investigation specified in subdivision (a), the regional board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging or who proposes to discharge within its region, or any citizen or domiciliary, or political agency or entity of this state who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste outside of its region that could affect the quality of waters of the state within its region shall furnish under penalty of periury, technical or monitoring program reports which the regional board requires. The burden, including costs of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the regional board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports." The reports required by Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 10016 are necessary to assure compliance with these waste discharge requirements. The Discharger operates facilities that discharge wastes subject to this Order.
- 53. The technical reports required by this Order No. R4-2013-0179 and the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 10016 are necessary to assure compliance with these waste discharge requirements. The Discharger operates the Facility that discharges the waste subject to this Order.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND NOTIFICATION

- 54. This project involves the issuance of WDRs for a new treatment system; as such the action to adopt WDRs must meet the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. The County of Ventura (County), as the lead agency, certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") for the project on August 23, 2012. Based on the findings contained in the Initial Study for the project, the County determined that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, including impacts to groundwater quality. Mitigation measures are, however, available to reduce the environmental impacts to less than significant levels.
- 55. The Regional Board is a responsible agency for purposes of CEQA and has considered the relevant portions of the MND. The project has the potential to cause impacts to groundwater quality. To mitigate possible impacts to groundwater the Regional Board included terms in these WDRs to prevent negative impacts to groundwater quality as a result of the project, and to require the submission of monitoring reports to document changes in groundwater quality and compliance with this Order.

- 56. On October 7, 2013, the Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of the intent to issue WDRs/WRRs for this discharge, and provided them with an opportunity to submit written comments for the requirements by November 7, 2013.
- 57. The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative requirements.
- 58. Pursuant to CWC section 13320, any person affected by this action of the Regional Board may petition the State Board to review the action in accordance with section 13320 of the California Water Code and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2050. The State Water Board (P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, California, 95812) must receive the petition within 30 days of the date this Order is adopted. The regulations regarding petitions may be found at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public notices/petitions/water quality/index.shtml

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Dischargers, Advanced Sustain Ability, LLC and Hollandia Produce, LLC shall be responsible for and shall comply with the following requirements:

- A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR RECYCLING IRRIGATION
  - 1. The discharge flow shall not exceed a maximum flow of 37,000 gpd.
  - 2. The pH in the effluent shall at all times be from 6.5 to 8.5 pH units.
  - Waste discharged through spray irrigation shall not contain constituents in excess of the following limits:

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Daily Maximum	30-day Average
Total suspended solids	mg/L	45	30
Total nitrogen <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	10	
Nitrate as N	mg/L	10	
Nitrite as N	mg/L	1	
Oil and grease	mg/L	15	10
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	1,200	
Sulfate	mg/L	600	
Chloride	mg/L	150	
Boron	mg/L	1.0	
MBAS (Surfactants)	mg/L	0.5	
Total residual chlorine	mg/L	0.01	
Fecal coliform	MPN/100mL	2.2	
E. coli	MPN/100mL	2.2	

<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL = most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters <sup>2</sup>Total nitrogen= nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

- 4. <u>Turbidity Limits:</u> The turbidity of the recycled water used for surface irrigation shall not exceed any of the following:
  - a) A daily average of 2 Nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs),
  - b) 5 NTUs more than 5 percent of the time (72 minutes) during any 24 hour period, and
  - c) 10 NTU at any time.
- 5. <u>Total coliform Limits</u>: The total coliform (median number of coliform organisms in the effluent) shall not exceed 23 MPN per 100 ml, as determined from the bacteriological results of the last 7 days for which analyses have been completed, and the number of total coliform bacteria shall not exceed 240 MPN/100 mL in more than one sample in any 30 days period.
- 6. Effluent shall not contain heavy metals, arsenic, cyanide, or any other designated Priority Pollutants (Appendix A to 40 CFR, Part 423--126 Priority Pollutants) by the USEPA in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64431 (Attachment A-1).
- 7. Radioactivity shall not exceed the limits specified in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 15, section 64441 et seq., or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-2).
- 8. Effluent shall not contain organic chemicals in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64444 or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-3).
- 9. Effluent shall not contain disinfectant byproducts in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64533, Chapter 15.5 or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-4).

### B. WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED OWTS

- 1. Waste discharge shall be limited to domestic sewage only; no industrial or commercial wastes shall be discharged.
- 2. The maximum daily discharge to the advanced onsite wastewater treatment systems shall not exceed a flow of 3,400 gpd.
- 3. The pH in the effluent shall at all times be from 6.5 to 8.5 pH units.
- 4. The effluent prior to discharged to the leachfield shall not contain constituents in excess of the following limits:

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Daily Maximum	30-day Average
BOD₅20°C	mg/L	45	30
Total suspended solids	mg/L	45	30
Total nitrogen <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	10	

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Daily Maximum	30-day Average
Nitrate as N	mg/L	10	
Nitrite as N	mg/L	1	
Oil and grease	mg/L	15	10
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	1,200	
Sulfate	mg/L	600	
Chloride	mg/L	150	
Boron	mg/L	1.0	

<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL = most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters <sup>2</sup>Total nitrogen= nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

5.

- Effluent (wastewater discharged from the advanced OWTS shall not contain heavy metals, arsenic, cyanide, or any other designated Priority Pollutants (Appendix A to 40 CFR, Part 423--126 Priority Pollutants) by the USEPA in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64431 (Attachment A-1).
- 6. Radioactivity shall not exceed the limits specified in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 15, section 64441 et seq., or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-2).
- 7. Effluent shall not contain organic chemicals in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64444 or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-3).
- 8. Effluent shall not contain disinfectant byproducts in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards, CCR title 22, section 64533, Chapter 15.5 or subsequent revisions (Attachment A-4).
- 9. Odors of sewage origin shall not be detectable beyond the limits of the property owned or controlled by the Discharger.
- 10. Any additional hookups to the septic systems without prior written approval from the Regional Board Executive Officer are prohibited.
- 11. The surfacing or overflow of sewage from the OWTS at any time and at any location and the direct or indirect discharge of wastes to waters of the State (including storm drains, groundwater or surface water drainage courses) is prohibited.
- 12. No part of the OWTS shall be closer than closer than 150 feet to any water well or closer than 100 feet to any stream, channel or other watercourse.
- 13. No part of the OWTS or leach fields shall extend to a depth where wastes may deleteriously affect an aquifer that is usable for domestic purposes. Under no circumstances shall there be a groundwater separation of less than five feet.
- 14. OWTS cleanings shall be performed only by a duly authorized service.

- 15. The discharger shall ensure that the contents of the OWTS are disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and ordinances.
- 16. In the event that waste are transported to a different disposal site, the Discharger shall report: types of wastes and quantity of each type; name and address of each waste hauler (or method of transport if other than by hauling); and location of the final point(s) of disposal of each type of wastes.
- 17. Neither: the treatment, disposal nor any handling of wastes shall cause a condition of pollution or nuisance, or problems due to breeding of mosquitoes, midges, flies, or other pests.

## C. GROUNDWATER LIMITATIONS

- 1. "Receiving water" is defined as groundwater underlying the Site, and the discharge areas described in Finding 39.
- The groundwater collected from the monitoring wells shall not exceed the following limits:

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Limitation
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	mg/L	1,200
Sulfate	.mg/L	600
Chloride	mg/L	150
Boron	mg/L	1.0
Total Nitrogen <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	10
Nitrate as N	mg/L	10
Nitrite as N	mg/L	1
Total coliform	MPN/100mL	1.1
Fecal coliform	MPN/100mL	1.1
Enterococcus	MPN/100mL	1.1

<sup>1</sup>mg/L= milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL= most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters <sup>2</sup>Total nitrogen = nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

3. By May 1, 2014, the Discharger shall submit a groundwater monitoring workplan. The workplan shall specify the number of wells, well locations, and well design. The workplan shall also include construction details for the monitoring wells. The proposed workplan shall be prepared by or under the direction of a geologist registered in the State of California or civil engineer registered in the State of California and experienced in the field of hydrogeology, and is subject to the approval of the Executive Officer of this Regional Board.

Groundwater monitoring is available in the section IV. 3. of the accompanying Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 10016.

4. The Discharger shall install sufficient number of upgradient and downgradient monitoring wells in the spray irrigation disposal area and in the OWTS leachfield area to evaluate the impacts of the effluent discharges to groundwater.

## D. RECYCLED WATER SPECIFICATIONS FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

- 1. Recycled water used as source of supply for Kentia palm irrigation shall meet at all times water quality limitations listed in Part A above, and if necessary, be adequately oxidized and disinfected.
- 2. Recycled water from the hydroponic growing system and harvest area shall be stored only in the impermeable landscape irrigation water storage tank and the landscape impoundments.
- 3. Recycled water used for irrigation shall be confined to the recycled water use area and shall not be allowed to escape as surface flow.
- 4. Recycled water shall be applied at such a rate and volume as not to exceed vegetation demand and soil moisture conditions. Special precautions shall be taken to prevent clogging of drip tubes, to prevent over-watering and to exclude the production of runoff. Pipelines shall be maintained so as to prevent leaks.
- 5. Recycled water shall not be applied within 100 feet of any well used for domestic purposes.
- 6. The use of the recycled water shall not cause the concentration of organic and inorganic chemicals (i.e., heavy metals, arsenic, or cyanide) in the receiving water to exceed the limits contained in title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 64431 (Inorganic chemical) and 64444 (Organic chemical).
- 7. Recycled water shall not be used for irrigation during periods of rainfall and/or runoff.
- 8. Recycled water reuse shall not result in breeding of mosquitoes, gnats, or other pests.
- 9. Recycled water used as spray disposal shall not result in earth movement in geologically unstable areas.
- 10. Public contact with wastewater shall be precluded or controlled through such means as fences and signs, or acceptable alternatives.
- 11. All disposal areas with public access and landscape impoundments should be posted to warm the public that recycled water is being stored or used.
- 12. Recycled water systems shall be inspected on at least monthly to assure proper operation, absence of leaks, and absence of illegal connections.

- 13. All areas where recycled water is used shall be posted with conspicuous signs that include the following wording in a size no less than 4 inches high by 8 inches wide: "RECYCLED WATER DO NOT DRINK." Perimeter warning signs indicating that the treated water is in use shall be posted at least every 500 feet, with a minimum of at least one sign on each corner of each irrigation area at access road entrances.
- 14. The portions of the water piping system that are in areas subject to access by the general public shall not include any hose bibs. Only quick couplers that differ from those used on the potable water system shall be used on the portions of the water piping system in areas subject to public access.
- 15. Drinking water fountains shall be protected against contact with recycled water spray, mist, or runoff.
- 16. Spray, mist, or runoff shall not enter dwellings, designated outdoor eating areas, or food handling facilities.

### E. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The Discharger shall be able to achieve compliance with all the effluent limitations listed in this Order and shall not discharge any wastewater to surface water from the hydroponic process.
- Standby or emergency power facilities and/or sufficient capacity shall be provided for treated wastewater storage during rainfall or in the event of plant upsets or outages.
- 3. Adequate facilities shall be provided to protect the Hollandia Produce OWTSs, treatment system devices, and wastewater collection system from damage by storm flows and runoff or runoff generated by a 100-year storm.
- 4. The Discharger's wastewater treatment system and land application system shall be operated and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return frequency.
- 5. The Discharger shall operate all systems and equipment to maximize treatment of wastewater and optimize the quality of the discharge.
- 6. The treatment system, including the collection system that is a part of the treatment system and the disposal system, shall be maintained in such a manner that prevents wastewater from surfacing or overflowing at any location.
- 7. Sludge and other solids removed from wastewater shall be disposed of in a manner that is consistent with Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1 of the CCR and approved by the Executive Officer.
- 8. Storage and disposal of domestic wastewater shall comply with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including permitting requirements and technical standards.

- 9. Any proposed change in solids use or disposal practice from a previously approved practice shall be reported to the Executive Officer at least 60 days in advance of the change.
- 10. Dischargers are directed to submit all reports required under the waste Discharger requirements (WDRs) adopted by the Regional Board including groundwater monitoring analytical data and discharge location data, to the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database under Global ID WDR100001875. The GeoTracker training video is available at:

https://waterboards.webex.com/waterboards/ldr.php?AT=pb&SP=MC&rID=44145287&r Key=7dad4352c990334b

### F. PROHIBITIONS

- 1. The direct or indirect discharge of any waste and/or wastewater to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited.
- 2. Bypass, discharger or overflow of untreated wastes, except as allowed by Section F. 12 of this Order, is prohibited.
- 3. Discharge of waste classified as 'hazardous', as defined in Section 2521(a) of Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2510 et seq., is prohibited. Discharge of waste classified as 'designated,' as defined in California Water Code Section 13173, in a manner that causes violation of groundwater limitations, is prohibited.
- 4. Wastes shall not be disposed of in geologically unstable areas or so as to cause earth movement.
- 5. Wastes discharged shall not impart tastes, odors, color, foaming or other objectionable characteristics to the receiving water.
- 6. There shall be no onsite permanent disposal of sludge. Sludge-drying activities are allowed, but only as an intermediate treatment prior to off-site disposal. Any offsite disposal of wastewater or sludge shall be made only to a legal point of disposal. For purposes of this Order, a legal disposal site is one for which requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board or comparable regulatory entity, and which is in full compliance therewith. Any wastewater or sludge handling shall be in such a manner as to prevent its reaching surface waters or watercourses.
- 7. Odors originating at this facility shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the property owned by the Discharger.
- 8. Wastes discharged from the wastewater treatment plant shall at no time contain any substances in concentrations toxic to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
- 9. The discharge of waste shall not create a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance. No new connections may be made without notification to the Regional Board.

- 10. The discharge of any wastewater to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited without a NPDES permit.
- 11. The holding tanks shall not contain floating materials, including solids, foams or scum in concentrations that cause nuisance, adversely affect beneficial uses, or serve as a substrate for undesirable bacterial or algae growth or insect vectors.
- 12. Bypass (the intentional diversion of waste stream from any portion of a treatment facility) is prohibited. The Regional Board may take enforcement action against the Discharger for bypass unless:
  - a) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. (Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities that cause them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production);
  - b) There were no feasible alternatives to bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated waste, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment down time. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that could occur during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
  - c) The Discharger submitted a notice at least 48 hours in advance of the need for a bypass to the Regional Board.
- 13. Any discharge of wastewater from the treatment system (including the wastewater collection system) at any point other than specifically described in this Order is prohibited and constitutes a violation of this Order.

#### G. PROVISIONS

- 1. A copy of this Order shall be maintained at the wastewater treatment plant so as to be available at all times to operating personnel.
- 2. The Discharger shall file with the Regional Board technical reports on selfmonitoring work performed according to the detailed specifications contained in Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 10016 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, as directed by the Executive Officer. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the location and/or times specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported to the Regional Board. The Discharger shall comply with all of the provisions and requirements of the Monitoring and Reporting Program.

3. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable requirements of chapter 4.5 (commencing with section 13290) of division 7 of the California Water Code.

- 4. Monitoring and Reporting Program CI No. 10016 contains requirements, among others, a groundwater monitoring program for the Hollandia Produce wastewater treatment system so that the groundwater downgradient and upgradient from the discharge/disposal area can be measured, sampled, and analyzed to determine if discharges from the disposal system are impacting water quality.
- 5. The Discharger shall monitor the background of the receiving groundwater quality as it relates to its effluent discharges. Should the constituent concentrations in any downgradient monitoring well exceed the receiving water quality objectives in the Basin Plan and the increase in constituents is attributable to the Discharge's Hollandia Produce effluent disposal practices, the Discharger must develop a source control plan including a detailed source identification and pollution minimization plan, together with the time schedule of implementation, and must be submitted within 90 days of recording the exceedance.
- 6. Should effluent monitoring data indicate possible degradation of groundwater attributable to Discharger's effluent, the Discharger shall submit, within 90 days after discovery of the problem, plans for measures that will be taken, or have been taken, to mitigate any long-term effects that may result from the discharge(s).
- 7. Should the nitrate-nitrogen and nitrite-nitrogen concentration in effluent of Hollandia Produce recycled water exceed 15 mg/L in three (monthly sampling plus two additional sampling events for result verification) consecutive samples taken within one month, the Discharger must submit an investigation plan (Plan) to the Executive Officer for approval within 90 days from the occurrence. The Plan must contain a detailed description of pollutant minimization strategies and prevention measures proposed, together with the time schedule of implementation.
- 8. Wastewater treatment and discharge at the discharge/disposal area shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in CWC section 13050.
- 9. In accordance with CWC section 13260(c), the Discharger shall file a report of any material change or proposed change in the character, location, or volume of the discharge.
- 10. The Discharger shall operate and maintain its wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities in a manner to ensure that all facilities are adequately staffed, supervised, financed, operated, maintained, repaired, and upgraded as necessary, to provide adequate and reliable transport, treatment, and disposal of all wastewater from both existing and planned future wastewater sources under the Discharger's responsibilities. Anyone employed in the operation of the wastewater treatment plant must be certified pursuant to CWC sections 13625-13633.
- 11. The Discharger shall submit to the Regional Board an Operations and Maintenance Manual (O & M Manual) for the entire Hollandia Produce wastewater treatment system and disposal facilities. The Discharger shall maintain the O & M Manual in useable condition, and available for reference and

use by all applicable personnel. The Discharger shall regularly review, and revise or update as necessary, the O & M Manual(s) in order for the document(s) to remain useful and relevant to current equipment and operation practices. Reviews shall be conducted annually, and revisions or updates shall be completed as necessary and submitted to the Regional Board.

- 12. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- 13. For any violation of requirements in this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Board within 24 hours of knowledge of the violation either by telephone or electronic mail. The notification shall be followed by a written report within one week. The Discharger in the next monitoring report shall also confirm this information. In addition, the report shall include the reasons for the violations or adverse conditions, the steps being taken to correct the problem (including dates thereof), and the steps being taken to prevent a recurrence.
- 14. This Order does not relieve the Discharger from the responsibility to obtain other necessary local, state, and federal permits to construct facilities necessary for compliance with this Order; nor does this Order prevent imposition of additional standards, requirements, or conditions by any other regulatory agency.
- 15. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for causes including, but not limited, to:
  - a) Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  - b) Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose all relevant facts; or
  - c) A change in any condition, or the discovery of any information, that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
- 16. The Discharger shall furnish, within a reasonable time, any information the Regional Board may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order. The Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Board, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this Order.
- 17. This Order includes the attached Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements which are incorporated herein by reference. If there is any conflict between provisions stated herein and the Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements, the provisions stated herein will prevail.
- 18. The Discharger shall allow the Regional Board, or an authorized representative upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- a) Enter upon the Discharger premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
- b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
- c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; and
- d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring compliance with this Order, or as otherwise authorized by the CWC, any substances or parameters at any locations.
- 19. The WDRs contained in this Order will remain in effect and will be reviewed after five (5) years. Should the Discharger wish to continue discharging to groundwater for a period of time in excess of 5 years, the Discharger must file an updated Report of Waste Discharge with the Regional Board no later than 120 days in advance of the fifth-year anniversary date of the Order for consideration of issuance of new or revised waste discharge requirements. Any discharge of waste ten years after the date of adoption of this Order, without filing an updated Report of Waste Discharge with the Regional Board, is a violation of CWC section 13264. The Regional Board is authorized to take appropriate enforcement action for any noncompliance with this provision including assessment of penalties.
- 20. All discharges of waste into the waters of the State are privileges, not rights. In accordance with CWC section 13263(g), these requirements shall not create a vested right to continue to discharge and are subject to rescission or modification.
- 21. Failure to comply with this Order and MRP No. 10016, could subject the Discharger to monetary civil liability pursuant to California Water Code, including sections 13268 and 13350. Person's failing to furnish monitoring reports or falsifying any information provided therein is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## H. REOPENER

- 1. The Regional Board may modify, or revoke and reissue this Order if present or future investigations demonstrate that the discharge(s) governed by this Order will cause, have the potential to cause, or will contribute to adverse impacts on water quality and/or beneficial uses of the receiving waters.
- 2. This Order may be reopened to include additional or modified requirements to address Discharger's expansion or mitigation plans, Salt and Nutrient Management Plan, TMDL or Basin Plan mandates, or groundwater limitation compliance with Resolution 68-16.

Advanced Sustain Ability, LLC Hollandia Produce, LLC

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on December 5, 2013.

Samuel Unger, P. E.

**Executive Officer** 

## **Attachment A-1**

Table	64431-A: Inorganic Chemicals <sup>1</sup>
Constituent	Maximum Contamination Levels (mg/L)
Aluminum	1
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.05
Asbestos	7 MFL <sup>2</sup>
Barium	1
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.2
Fluoride	2
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 22, Section 64431
MFL= million fibers per liter; MCL for fibers exceeding 10μm in length

# Attachment A-2

Maximum Contamination Levels (pCi/L)
5
15
20,000
8
50
20

3. CCR Title 22, Section 64443

# Attachment A-3

Constituent	Chemicals <sup>4</sup> Maximum Contamination Levels (mg/L)	
Volatile Organic Chemicals		
Benzene	0.001	
Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC)	0.0005	
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.005	
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.005	
1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)	0.0005	
1,1-Dichloroethene (1,1-DCE)	0.006	
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.006	
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.01	
Dichloromethane	0.005	
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	
1,3-Dichloropropene	0.0005	
Ethylbenzene	0.7	
Methyl-tert-butyl-ether	0.013	
Monochlorobenzene	0.07	
Styrene	0.1	
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.001	
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	0.005	
Toluene	0.15	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.005	
Trichlorofluoromethane	0.15	
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane	1.2	
Vinyl Chloride	0.0005	
Xylenes (m,p)	1.75	
Non-Volatile synthetic Organic Chemicals		
Alachlor	0.002	
Atrazine	0.003	
Bentazon	0.018	
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0002	
Carbofuran	0.018	
Chloradane	0.0001	
2,4-D	0.07	
Dalapon	0.2	
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.0002	

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Table 64444-A – Organic/Regulated	l Chemicals <sup>4</sup>
Constituent	Maximum Contamination Levels (mg/L)
Non-Volatile synthetic Organic Chemicals	
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	0.4
Di(2- ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.004
Dinoseb	0.007
Diquat	0.02
Endothall	0.1
Endrin	0.002
Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)	0.00005
Glyphosate	0.7
Heptachlor	0.00001
Heptachlor Epoxie	0.00001
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05
Lindane	0.0002
Methoxychlor	0.04
Molinate	0.02
Oxamyl	0.2
Pentachlorophenol	0.001
Picloram	0.5
Polychlorinated Biphenyls	0.0005
Simazine	0.004
Thiobencarb	0.07
Toxaphene	0.003
2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin)	3×10 <sup>-8</sup>
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05

4. CCR Title 22, Section 64444





Figure 2. Facility Area Map



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## MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM CI NO. 10016 FOR ADVANCED SUSTAIN ABILITY, LLC AND HOLLANDIA PRODUCE, LLC (HOLLANDIA PRODUCE) (File No. 11-187)

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) CI No. 10016 is issued pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267, which authorizes the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) to require Advanced Sustainability, LLC and Hollandia Produce, LLC (hereinafter, Dischargers) to submit technical and monitoring reports. The reports required herein are necessary to assure compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Water Recycling Requirements (WRRs) Order No. R4-2013-0179 and to protect the waters of the state and their beneficial uses. The evidence that supports the need for the reports is set forth in the WDRs/WRRs and the Regional Board Record.

### I. SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

- 1. The Dischargers shall submit the required reports, outlined in the following paragraphs to the Regional Board. The reports shall be received at the Regional Board via GeoTracker database under Global ID WDR100001875 on the dates indicated as follows:
  - A. **Quarterly Monitoring Reports** shall be received at the Regional Board by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the second month following the end of each quarterly monitoring period according to Table 1. The first monitoring report under this program shall be received at the Regional Board by April 15, 2014.

Reporting Period	Report Due
January - March	April 15
April - June	July 15
July - September	October 15
October – December	January 15

Table 1. Reporting Period and Due Dates

B. **Annual Summary Report** shall be received at the Regional Board March 1 of each year. The first Annual Summary Report under this program shall be received at the Regional Board on March 1, 2015.

If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state.

 The Dischargers shall comply with the Electronic Submittal of Information (ESI) requirements by submitting all reports required under the MRP, including electronic data format (EDF) groundwater monitoring data, discharge location data, and pdf monitoring to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) GeoTracker database under Global ID WDR100001875.

## II. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Monitoring shall be used to determine compliance with the requirements of this Order and shall include, but not limited to, the following:
  - A. Locations of each groundwater monitoring station where representative samples can be obtained and the rationale for the selection. The Discharger must include a map, at a scale of 1 inch equals 1,200 feet or less, that clearly identifies the locations of all monitoring wells, and production wells.
  - B. Sampling protocols (specified in 40 CFR Part 136 or AWWA standards where appropriate) and chain of custody procedures.
  - C. For groundwater monitoring, outline the methods and procedures to be used for measuring water levels; purging wells; collecting samples; decontaminating equipment; containing, preserving, and shipping samples, and maintaining appropriate documentation. Also include the procedures for handling, storing, testing, and disposing of purge and decontamination waters generated from the sampling events.
  - D. Laboratory or laboratories, which conducted the analyses. Include copy or copies of laboratory certifications by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) every year or when the Discharger changes their contract laboratory.
  - E. Analytical test methods used and the corresponding detection limits for reporting purposes (DLRs) unregulated and regulated chemicals. For regulated chemicals, please see the CDPH's website at: http://www.edph.ee.gov/cortlin/drinkingwater/Pagee/EDT.ee.pv

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/EDT.aspx

- F. Quality assurance and control measures.
- 2. The samples shall be analyzed using analytical methods described in 40 CFR Part 136; or where no methods are specified for a given pollutant, by commercially available methods approved by the CDPH, Regional Board and/or State Board. The Discharger shall select the analytical methods that provide reporting detection limits (DLRs) lower than the limits prescribed in this Order.
- 3. The Discharger shall instruct its laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the DLRs (or its equivalent if there is a different treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) are the lowest calibration standard. At no time shall the Discharger use analytical data derived from extrapolation beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.
- 4. Upon request by the Discharger, the Regional Board, in consultation with the CDPH and the State Board Quality Assurance Program, may establish DLRs, in any of the following situations:

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- A. When the pollutant has no established method under 40 CFR 136 (revised May14, 1999, or subsequent revision);
- B. When the method under 40 CFR 136 for the pollutant has a DLR higher than the limit specified in this Order; or,
- C. When the Discharger agrees to use a test method that is more sensitive than those specified in 40 CFR Part 136 and is commercially available.
- 5. Samples of disinfected effluent must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits as specified in 40 CFR Part 136.3. All QA/QC analyses must be run on the same dates when samples were actually analyzed. The Discharger shall make available for inspection and/or submit the QA/QC documentation upon request by Regional Board staff. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy of that documentation shall be submitted with the quarterly report.
- 6. For unregulated chemical analyses, the Discharger should select methods according to the following approach:
  - A. Use drinking water methods, if available;
  - B. Use CDPH-recommended methods for unregulated chemicals, if available;
  - C. If there is no CDPH-recommended drinking water method for a chemical, and more than a single EPA-approved method is available, use the most sensitive of the EPA-approved methods;
  - D. If there is no EPA-approved method for a chemical, and more than one method is available from the scientific literature and commercial laboratory, after consultation with CDPH, use the most sensitive method;
  - E. If no approved method is available for a specific chemical, the Discharger's laboratory may develop or use its own methods and should provide the analytical methods to CDPH for review. Those methods may be used until CDPH recommended or EPA-approved methods are available.
  - F. If the only method available for a chemical is for wastewater analysis (e.g., a chemical listed as a priority pollutant only), sample and analyze for that chemical in the treated and disinfected effluent immediately increase the likelihood of detection. Use this approach until the Discharger's laboratory develops a method for the chemical in drinking water, or until a CDPH-recommended or EPA-approved drinking water method is available.
    - G. The Discharger is required to inform the Regional Board, in event that D, E, F is occurring.

## III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger shall submit all reports, shown on Section I SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS to the Regional Board by the dates indicated. All quarterly, and annual monitoring reports should contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance", which discusses the compliance records and corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the reuse into full compliance with water recycling requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with WDRs and WRRs, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.

#### 1. Quarterly reports

- A. These reports shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
  - a. The volume of the final effluent and the final effluent used for recycled water. If no recycled water is used during the quarter, the report shall so state.
  - b. The date and time of sampling and analyses.
  - c. All analytical results of samples collected during the monitoring period of the final effluent and groundwater.
  - d. Records of any operational problems, plant upset and equipment breakdowns or malfunctions, and any discharge(s) of the final effluent and the final effluent used for recycled water.
  - e. Discussion of compliance, noncompliance, or violation of requirements.
  - f. All corrective or preventive action(s) taken or planned with schedule of implementation, if any.
- B. For the purpose of reporting compliance with numerical limitations, analytical data shall be reported using the following reporting protocols:
  - Sample results greater than or equal to the DLR must be reported "as measured" by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample); or
  - b. Sample results less than the DLR, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's method detection limit (MDL), must be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified", or DNQ. The laboratory must write the estimated chemical concentration of the sample next to DNQ as well as the words "Estimated Concentration" (may be shortened to Est. Conc.); or
  - c. Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL must be reported as "Not-Detected", or ND.

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- C. If the Discharger samples and performs analyses (other than for process/operational control, startup, research, or equipment testing) on any sample more frequently than required in this MRP using approved analytical methods, the results of those analyses shall be included in the report. These results shall be reflected in the calculation of the average used in demonstrating compliance with average effluent, receiving groundwater water, etc., limitations.
- D. The Regional Board may request supporting documentation, such as daily logs of operations.

### 2. Annual Reports

- A. Tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous calendar year.
- B. Discussion of the compliance record and corrective or preventive action(s) taken or planned that may be needed to bring the treated effluent, including the treated effluent used for recycled water, into full compliance with the requirements in this Order.
- C. An in-depth discussion of the results of the groundwater monitoring and final effluent monitoring programs conducted during the previous year.
- D. The description of any changes and anticipated changes including any impacts in operation of any unit processes or facilities shall be provided.
- E. A list of the analytical methods employed for each test and associated laboratory quality assurance/quality control procedures shall be included. The report shall restate, for the record, the laboratories used by the Discharger to monitor compliance with this Order, their status of certification, and provide a summary of performance.
- F. The report shall confirm operator certification and provide a list of current operating personnel, their responsibilities, and their corresponding grade of certification.
- H. The report shall also include the date of the Hollandia Produce Operation and Maintenance Management Plan, the date the plan was last reviewed, and whether the plan is complete and valid.
- I. The groundwater monitoring portion of the annual report shall be prepared under the direction of an engineer registered in the State of California, or a professional geologist in California, and experienced in the field of recycled water practices. All groundwater monitoring reports must include, at minimum, the following:
  - a. Well identification, date and time of sampling;

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- b. Sampler identification, and laboratory identification; and,
- c. Quarterly observation of groundwater levels, recorded to .01 feet mean sea level, flow direction.

If there is no discharge or water recycled during any reporting period, the report shall so state.

#### IV. WATER QUALITY MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

## 1. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLED WATER

An effluent sampling station(s) shall be established for Hollandia Produce at location(s) where representative samples of recycled process wastewater can be obtained prior to discharge by spray irrigation to the rain gardens. All effluent samples may be obtained at a single station provided that station is representative of the quality at all discharge points. Each sampling station shall be identified.

The following shall constitute the effluent monitoring program for recycled process wastewater, specified in Table 2:

Constituent	Units <sup>2</sup>	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency <sup>3</sup> of Analysis
Total Flow <sup>1</sup>	gallon/day	recorder	continuous
рН	pH units	grab	quarterly
BOD₅ 20°C	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Total suspended solids	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Oil & grease	mg/L	grab	quarterly
MBAS (Surfactants)	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Total phosphorus as P	mg/L	grab	quarterly
Nitrite as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Nitrate as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Ammonia as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Organic Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Total nitrogen <sup>4</sup>	mg/L	grab	monthly
Turbidity	NTU	grab	monthly
Total coliform	MPN/100mL	grab	monthly
Fecal coliform	MPN/100mL	grab	monthly
E. coli	MPN/100mL	grab	monthly
Enterococcus	MPN/100mL	grab	monthly

#### Table 2. Effluent Monitoring
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Constituent	Units <sup>2</sup>	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency <sup>3</sup> of Analysis
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	grab	monthly
Sulfate	mg/L	grab	monthly
Chloride	mg/L	grab	monthly
Boron	mg/L	grab	monthly
Priority pollutants <sup>5</sup>	μ <b>g/L</b>	grab	annually

For those constituents that are continuously monitored the Discharger shall report the minimum, maximum, and daily average values

<sup>2</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; μg/L= micrograms per liter; MPN/100mL=most probable number per 100 milliliters; NTU= Nephelometric turbidity units

<sup>3</sup>If the result of the monthly or quarterly analysis of any constituent exceeds the limitations prescribed in Regional Board Order No. R4-2013-0179, then the frequency of analysis shall be increased to weekly from monthly sampling or monthly for quarterly sampling within one week of knowledge of the test results, for at least three consecutive months for quarterly or for at least four consecutive weeks for monthly sampling, and until compliance with the limitations is demonstrated; after which the frequency shall revert to quarterly or monthly.

<sup>4</sup>Total nitrogen = nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

<sup>5</sup>See Appendix A to 40 CFR, Part 423 for list of priority pollutants

# 2. MONITORING PROGRAM FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

- A. A sampling station shall be established at a location where representative samples of treated effluent can be obtained prior to discharge to the leachfield disposal system.
- B. The following tests shall constitute the effluent monitoring program, specified in Table 3:

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency <sup>2</sup> of Analysis
Total flow	gal/day	recorder	continuous
pH	pH Units	grab	monthly
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅20°C)	mg/L	grab	monthly
Total suspended solids	mg/L	grab	monthly
Oil and grease	mg/L	grab	monthly
Turbidity	NTU	grab	monthly
Ammonia-N	mg/L	grab	monthly
Nitrate-N	mg/L	grab	monthly
Nitrite-N	mg/L	grab	monthly
Organic nitrogen	mg/L	grab	monthly
Total nitrogen <sup>3</sup>	mg/L	grab	monthly
Total phosphate as P	mg/L	grab	monthly

# Table 3. Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Effluent Monitoring

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency <sup>2</sup> of Analysis
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	grab	monthly
Sulfate	mg/L	grab	monthly
Chloride	mg/L	grab	monthly
Boron	mg/L	grab	monthly
Methylene Blue Activated Substance (MBAS)	mg/L	grab	monthly
CECs⁴	µg/L	grab	annually

<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; MPN/100mL=most probable number per 100 milliliters; NTU= Nephelometric turbidity units

<sup>2</sup>If any constituent exceeds the limitations prescribed in Regional Board Order No. R4-2013-0179, then the frequency of analysis shall be increased to weekly from monthly sampling within one week of knowledge of the test results, for at least four consecutive weeks, and until compliance with the limitations is demonstrated; after which the frequency shall revert to monthly.

<sup>3</sup>Total nitrogen = nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

<sup>4</sup>See Attachment B for the list of California Constituents of Emerging Concern

- C. The quarterly reports shall contain the following information:
  - 1. Average and maximum daily waste flow and average water usage rate for each month of the quarter, in gallons per day.
  - 2. Estimated population served during each month of the reporting period.
  - Results of at least quarterly observations in the disposal area for any over flow or surfacing of wastes.

#### 3. GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

A groundwater monitoring program shall be designed to detect and evaluate impacts from recycled water and domestic wastewater discharges from the hydroponic process and the onsite wastewater treatment systems, respectively, at the Site. The Discharger shall submit a groundwater monitoring workplan by **May 1, 2014**. The groundwater monitoring workplan is subject to the Executive Officer's approval prior to implementation. The groundwater monitoring wells must be installed in such a way so as to fully assess the background groundwater quality and the downgradient groundwater quality. The plan shall include the exact location of the proposed wells, depths, construction of wells, schedule for the installation and proposed sampling of the wells.

Upon obtaining Executive Officer's approval of an adequate groundwater monitoring workplan, construction and development of the proposed wells shall be completed within 60 days.

The well installation technical report is due 60 days after Executive Officer's approval of the Permittee's groundwater monitoring workplan. The well installation technical report shall include a scaled plot plan, soil boring logs, water quality data, well permits

and as-built well construction diagrams.

The following shall constitute the groundwater monitoring program, specified in Table 4:

Constituent	Units <sup>1</sup>	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency <sup>2</sup> of Analysis
pН	pH units	grab	Quarterly
BOD₅20°C	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Nitrite as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Nitrate as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Ammonia as Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Organic Nitrogen	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Total phosphorus as P	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
MBAS (surfactants)	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Total Nitrogen <sup>3</sup>	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Sulfate	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Chloride	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Boron	mg/L	grab	Quarterly
Total coliform	MPN/100mL	grab	Quarterly
Fecal coliform	MPN/100mL	grab <u></u>	Quarterly
Enterococcus	MPN/100mL	grab	Quarterly
E. coli	MPN/100mL	grab	Quarterly
Priority pollutants <sup>4</sup>	μg/L	grab	annually

#### Table 4. Groundwater Monitoring Program

<sup>1</sup>mg/L=milligrams per liter; μg/L=micrograms per liter; MPN/100mL = most probable number (MPN) per 100 milliliters.

<sup>2</sup>If any constituent exceeds the Basin Plan water quality objective, then the frequency of analysis shall increase to monthly until at least three consecutive test results have been obtained. After which if no constituents exceed the baseline, the frequency of analysis shall revert back to quarterly.

Total nitrogen = nitrate-N + nitrite-N + ammonia-N + Organic Nitrogen

<sup>4</sup>See Appendix A to 40 CFR, Part 423 for list of priority pollutants

### V. GENERAL MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions (Attachment D) related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
- 2. For every item where the requirements are not met, the Discharger shall submit a statement of the actions undertaken or proposed which will bring the treated effluent and/or treated effluent used for the recycled water program into full compliance with requirements at the earliest possible time, and submit a timetable for implementation of the corrective measures.

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- 3. Monitoring reports shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer. A duly authorized representative of the aforementioned signatories may sign documents if:
  - A. The authorization is made in writing by the signatory;
  - B. The authorization specifies the representative as either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity; and,

The written authorization is submitted to the Executive Officer of this Regional Board.

4. The monitoring report shall contain the following completed declaration:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document, including all attachments and supplemental information, was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment.

Executed on the	day of	at	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			(Signature)
			(Title)"

- 5. The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance, monitoring instrumentation, and copies of all reports required by this Order, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of sampling measurement, or report. This period may be extended by request of the Regional Board at any time and shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the regulated activity.
- 6. Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - A. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - B. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - C. The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - D. The individual(s) who performed the analysis;
  - E. The analytical techniques or methods used; and

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- F. The results of such analyses.
- 7. The Discharger shall submit to the Regional Board, together with the first monitoring report required by this Order, a list of all chemicals and proprietary additives which could affect the quality of the treated effluent and the treated effluent used for recycled water, including quantities of each. Any subsequent changes in types and/or quantities shall be reported promptly. An annual summary of the quantities of all chemicals, listed by both trade and chemical names, which are used in the treatment process shall be included in the annual report.

#### VI. WASTE HAULING REPORTING

In the event that waste oil and grease, sludge, or other wastes are hauled offsite, the name and address of the hauler shall be reported, along with types and quantities hauled during the reporting period and the location of final point of disposal. In the event that no wastes are hauled during the reporting period, a statement to that effect shall be submitted.

#### VII. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted to a less frequent basis or parameters dropped by the Executive Officer if the Discharger makes a request and the Executive Officer determines that the request is adequately supported by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted.

These records and reports are public documents and shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

Ordered by:

Samuel Unger Samuel Unger, P.E.

**Executive** Officer

Date: December 5, 2013

# Appendix A to 40 CFR, Part 423--126 Priority Pollutants

001 Acenaphthene
002 Acrolein
003 Acrylonitrile
004 Benzene
005 Benzidine
006 Carbon tetrachloride
(tetrachloromethane)
007 Chlorobenzene
008 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene
009 Hexachlorobenzene
010 1,2-dichloroethane
011 1,1,1-trichloreothane
012 Hexachloroethane
013 1,1-dichloroethane
014 1,1,2-trichloroethane
015 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
016 Chloroethane
018 Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether
019 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether (mixed)
020 2-chloronaphthalene
021 2,4, 6-trichlorophenol
022 Parachlorometa cresol
023 Chloroform (trichloromethane)
024 2-chlorophenol
025 1,2-dichlorobenzene
026 1,3-dichlorobenzene
027 1,4-dichlorobenzene
028 3,3-dichlorobenzidine
029 1,1-dichloroethylene
030 1,2-trans-dichloroethylene
031 2,4-dichlorophenol
032 1,2-dichloropropane
033 1,2-dichloropropylene
(1,3-dichloropropene)
034 2,4-dimethylphenol
035 2,4-dinitrotoluene
036 2,6-dinitrotoluene
037 1,2-diphenylhydrazine
038 Ethylbenzene
039 Fluoranthene
040 4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether
041 4-bromophenyl phenyl ether
042 Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether
043 Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane
044 Methylene chloride (dichloromethane)
045 Methyl chloride (dichloromethane)
046 Methyl bromide (bromomethane)

047 Bromoform (tribromomethane)
048 Dichlorobromomethane
051 Chlorodibromomethane
052 Hexachlorobutadiene
053 Hexachloromyclopentadiene
054 Isophorone
055 Naphthalene
056 Nitrobenzene
057 2-nitrophenol
058 4-nitrophenol
059 2,4-dinitrophenol
060 4,6-dinitro-o-cresol
061 N-nitrosodimethylamine
062 N-nitrosodiphenylamine
063 N-nitrosodi-n-propylamin
064 Pentachlorophenol
065 Phenol
066 Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
067 Butyl benzyl phthalate
068 Di-N-Butyl Phthalate
069 Di-n-octyl phthalate
070 Diethyl Phthalate
071 Dimethyl phthalate
072 1,2-benzanthracene (benzo(a)
anthracene
073 Benzo(a)pyrene (3,4-benzo-pyrene)
074 3,4-Benzofluoranthene (benzo(b)
fluoranthene)
075 11,12-benzofluoranthene (benzo(b)
fluoranthene)
076 Chrysene
077 Acenaphthylene
078 Anthracene
079 1,12-benzoperylene (benzo(ghi)
perylene)
080 Fluorene
081 Phenanthrene
082 1,2,5,6-dibenzanthracene (dibenzo(,h)
anthracene)
083 Indeno (,1,2,3-cd) pyrene
(2,3-o-pheynylene pyrene)
084 Pyrene
085 Tetrachloroethylene
086 Toluene
087 Trichloroethylene
088 Vinyl chloride (chloroethylene)
089 Aldrin
V07 Alulli

090 Dieldrin 091 Chlordane (technical mixture and metabolites) 092 4,4-DDT 093 4,4-DDE (p,p-DDX) 094 4,4-DDD (p,p-TDE) 095 Alpha-endosulfan 096 Beta-endosulfan 097 Endosulfan sulfate 098 Endrin 099 Endrin aldehyde 100 Heptachlor 101 Heptachlor epoxide (BHC-hexachlorocyclohexane) 102 Alpha-BHC 103 Beta-BHC 104 Gamma-BHC (lindane) 105 Delta-BHC (PCB-polychlorinated biphenyls) 106 PCB-1242 (Arochlor 1242) 107 PCB-1254 (Arochlor 1254) 108 PCB-1221 (Arochlor 1221) 109 PCB-1232 (Arochlor 1232) 110 PCB-1248 (Arochlor 1248) 111 PCB-1260 (Arochlor 1260) 112 PCB-1016 (Arochlor 1016) 113 Toxaphene 114 Antimony 115 Arsenic 116 Asbestos 117 Beryllium 118 Cadmium 119 Chromium 120 Copper 121 Cyanide, Total 122 Lead 123 Mercury 124 Nickel 125 Selenium 126 Silver 127 Thallium 126 Silver 128 Zinc 129 2,3,7,8-tetrachloro-dibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)

# ATTACHMENT B

Parameter	Units
17α-Ethinyl Estradiol	ng/L
17β-Estradiol	ng/L
Estrone	ng/L
Bisphenol A	ng/L
Nonylphenol and nonylphenol polyethoxylates	ng/L
Octylphenol and octylphenol polyethoxylates	ng/L
Polybrominated diphenyl ethers	ng/L
Acetaminophen	ng/L
Amoxicillin	ng/L
Azithromycin	ng/L
Carbamazepine	ng/L
Caffeine	ng/L
Ciprofloxacin	ng/L
DEET	ng/L
Dilantin	ng/L
Gemfibrozil	ng/L
Ibuprofen	ng/L
Lipitor	ng/L
Primidone	ng/L
Sulfamethoxazole	ng/L
Trimethoprim	ng/L
Salicylic acid	ng/L
TCEP	ng/L
Triclosan	ng/L

# STANDARD PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. DUTY TO COMPLY

The discharger must comply with all conditions of these waste discharge requirements. A responsible party has been designated in the Order for this project, and is legally bound to maintain the monitoring program and permit. Violations may result in enforcement actions, including Regional Board orders or court orders requiring corrective action or imposing civil monetary liability, or in modification or revocation of these waste discharge requirements by the Regional Board. [CWC Section 13261, 13263, 13265, 13268, 13300, 13301, 13304, 13340, 13350]

#### 2. GENERAL PROHIBITION

Neither the treatment nor the discharge of waste shall create a pollution, contamination or nuisance, as defined by Section 13050 of the California Water Code (CWC). [H&SC Section 5411, CWC Section 13263]

#### 3. AVAILABILITY

A copy of these waste discharge requirements shall be maintained at the discharge facility and be available at all times to operating personnel. [CWC Section 13263]

#### 4. CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

The discharger must notify the Executive Officer, in writing at least 30 days in advance of any proposed transfer of this Order's responsibility and coverage to a new discharger containing a specific date for the transfer of this Order's responsibility and coverage between the current discharger and the new discharger. This agreement shall include an acknowledgement that the existing discharger is liable for violations up to the transfer date and that the new discharger is liable from the transfer date on. [CWC Sections 13267 and 13263]

#### 5. CHANGE IN DISCHARGE

In the event of a material change in the character, location, or volume of a discharge, the discharger shall file with this Regional Board a new Report of Waste Discharge. [CWC Section 13260(c)]. A material change includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Addition of a major industrial waste discharge to a discharge of essentially domestic sewage, or the addition of a new process or product by an industrial facility resulting in a change in the character of the Waste.

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- (b) Significant change in disposal method, e.g., change from a land disposal to a direct discharge to water, or change in the method of treatment which would significantly alter the characteristics of the waste.
- (c) Significant change in the disposal area, e.g., moving the discharge to another drainage area, to a different water body, or to a disposal area significantly removed from the original area potentially causing different water quality or nuisance problems.
- (d) Increase in flow beyond that specified in the waste discharge requirements.
- (e) Increase in the area or depth to be used for solid waste disposal beyond that specified in the waste discharge requirements. [CCR Title 23 Section 2210]

#### 6. <u>REVISION</u>

These waste discharge requirements are subject to review and revision by the Regional Board. [CCR Section 13263]

#### 7. TERMINATION

Where the discharger becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a Report of Waste Discharge or submitted incorrect information in a Report of Waste Discharge or in any report to the Regional Board, it shall promptly submit such facts or information. [CWC Sections 13260 and 13267]

#### 8. VESTED RIGHTS

This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to persons or property, do not protect the discharger from his liability under Federal, State or local laws, nor do they create a vested right for the discharger to continue the waste discharge. [CWC Section 13263(g)]

#### 9. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

Provisions of these waste discharge requirements are severable. If any provision of these requirements are found invalid, the remainder of the requirements shall not be affected. [CWC Section 921]

#### 10. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The discharger shall, at all times, properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the discharger to achieve compliance with conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. [CWC Section 13263(f)]

#### 11. HAZARDOUS RELEASES

Except for a discharge which is in compliance with these waste discharge requirements, any person who, without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits any hazardous substance or sewage to be discharged in or on any waters of the State, or discharged or deposited where it is, or probably will be, discharged in or on any waters of the State, shall, as soon as (a) that person has knowledge of the discharge, (b) notification is possible, and (c) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures, immediately notify the Office of Emergency Services of the discharge in accordance with the spill reporting provision of the State toxic disaster contingency plan adopted pursuant to Article 3.7 (commencing with Section 8574.7) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and immediately notify the State Board or the appropriate Regional Board of the discharge. This provision does not require reporting of any discharge of less than a reportable quantity as provided for under subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 13271 of the Water Code unless the discharger is in violation of a prohibition in the applicable Water Quality Control plan. [CWC Section 1327(a)]

#### 12. PETROLEUM RELEASES

Except for a discharge which is in compliance with these waste discharge requirements, any person who without regard to intent or negligence, causes or permits any oil or petroleum product to be discharged in or on any waters of the State, or discharged or deposited where it is, or probably will be, discharged in or on any waters of the State, shall, as soon as (a) such person has knowledge of the discharge, (b) notification is possible, and (c) notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures, immediately notify the Office of Emergency Services of the discharge in accordance with the spill reporting provision of the State oil spill contingency plan adopted pursuant to Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8574.1) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code. This provision does not require reporting of any discharge of less than 42 gallons unless the discharge is also required to be reported pursuant to Section 311 of the Clean Water Act or the discharge is in violation of a prohibition in the applicable Water Quality Control Plan. [CWC Section 13272]

#### 13. ENTRY AND INSPECTION

The discharger shall allow the Regional Board, or an authorized representative upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- (a) Enter upon the discharger's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
- (b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
- (c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; and
- (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring compliance with this Order, or as otherwise authorized by the California Water Code, any substances or parameters at any location. [CWC Section 13267]

## 14. MONITORING PROGRAM AND DEVICES

The discharger shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical monitoring program reports; such reports shall be submitted in accordance with specifications prepared by the Executive Officer, which specifications are subject to periodic revisions as may be warranted. [CWC Section 13267]

All monitoring instruments and devices used by the discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary to ensure their continued accuracy. All flow measurement devices shall be calibrated at least once per year, or more frequently, to ensure continued accuracy of the devices. Annually, the discharger shall submit to the Executive Office a written statement, signed by a registered professional engineer, certifying that all flow measurement devices have been calibrated and will reliably achieve the accuracy required.

Unless otherwise permitted by the Regional Board Executive officer, all analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services. The Regional Board Executive Officer may allow use of an uncertified laboratory under exceptional circumstances, such as when the closest laboratory to the monitoring location is outside the State boundaries and therefore not subject to certification. All analyses shall be required to be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants" [40CFR Part 136] promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. [CCR Title 23, Section 2230]

## 15. TREATMENT FAILURE

In an enforcement action, it shall not be a defense for the discharger that it would have been necessary to halt or to reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this Order. Upon reduction, loss, or failure of the treatment facility, the discharger shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with this Order, control production or all discharges, or both, until the facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This provision applies, for example, when the primary source of power of the treatment facility fails, is reduced, or is lost. [CWC Section 13263(f)]

# 16. DISCHARGE TO NAVIGABLE WATERS

Any person discharging or proposing to discharge to navigable waters from a point source (except for discharge of dredged or fill material subject to Section 404 fo the Clean Water Act and discharge subject to a general NPDES permit) must file an NPDES permit application with the Regional Board. [CCR Title 2 Section 22357]

## 17. ENDANGERMENT TO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The discharger shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any such information shall be provided verbally to the Executive Officer within 24 hours from the time the discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five days of the time the discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected; the anticipated time it is expected to continue and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The Executive officer, or an authorized representative, may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours. The following occurrence(s) must be reported to the Executive Office within 24 hours:

- (a) Any bypass from any portion of the treatment facility.
- (b) Any discharge of treated or untreated wastewater resulting from sewer line breaks, obstruction, surcharge or any other circumstances.
- (c) Any treatment plan upset which causes the effluent limitation of this Order to be exceeded. [CWC Sections 13263 and 13267]

#### 18. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies off all reports required by this Order, and record of all data used

to complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Regional Board Executive Officer.

Records of monitoring information shall include:

- (a) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurement;
- (b) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurement;
- (c) The date(s) analyses were performed;
- (d) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- (e) The analytical techniques or method used; and
- (f) The results of such analyses.
- 19. (a) All application reports or information to be submitted to the Executive Office shall be signed and certified as follows:
  - (1) For a corporation by a principal executive officer or at least the level of vice president.
  - (2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
  - (3) For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
  - (b) A duly authorized representative of a person designated in paragraph (a) of this provision may sign documents if:
    - (1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph
      (a) of this provision.
    - (2) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity; and
    - (3) The written authorization is submitted to the Executive Officer.

Any person signing a document under this Section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. [CWC Sections 13263, 13267, and 13268]"

### 20. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

Supervisors and operators of municipal wastewater treatment plants and privately owned facilities regulated by the PUC, used in the treatment or reclamation of sewage and industrial waste shall possess a certificate of appropriate grade in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations Section 3680. State Boards may accept experience in lieu of qualification training. In lieu of a properly certified wastewater treatment plant operator, the State Board may approve use of a water treatment plan operator of appropriate grade certified by the State Department of Health Services where reclamation is involved.

Each plan shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the operation and maintenance manual prepared by the municipality through the Clean Water Grant Program [CWC Title 23, Section 2233(d)]

#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLICLY OWNED TREATEMENT WORKS' ADEQUATE CAPACITY

21. Whenever a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant will reach capacity within four years the discharger shall notify the Regional Board. A copy of such notification shall be sent to appropriate local elected officials, local permitting agencies and the press. The discharger must demonstrate that adequate steps are being taken to address the capacity problem. The discharger shall submit a technical report to the Regional Board showing flow volumes will be prevented from exceeding capacity, or how capacity will be increased, within 120 days after providing notification to the Regional Board, or within 120 days after receipt of notification from the Regional Board, of a finding that the treatment plant will reach capacity within four years. The time for filing the required technical report may be extended by the Regional Board. An extension of 30 days may be granted by the Executive Officer, and longer extensions may be granted by the Regional Board itself. [CCR Title 23, Section 2232]