State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

June 13, 2007

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: Waste Discharge Requirements: Winchester Wesselink LLC,

Wesselink Dairy, Riverside County (Tentative Order No. R9-

2007-0042) (Charles Cheng)

PURPOSE: To consider adoption of tentative Order No. R9-2007-0042,

which would establish waste discharge requirements for the

Wesselink Dairy in Riverside County.

PUBLIC NOTICE: On May 9, 2007, a copy of the tentative Order No. R9-2007-

0042 was sent to the discharger via certified mail, posted on the Regional Board's website, and made available at the Regional Board office for review thereafter. All interested parties were notified of the availability of Order No. R9-

2007-0042 by letter dated May 9, 2007.

DISCUSSION: The Regional Board has regulated the discharge of dairy

waste with waste discharge requirements at 32605 Holland Road, Winchester, Riverside County since the Mr. Jules Wesselink started the dairy in 1978. In recent years, the property has been leased to other individuals who have operated the dairy until the lease agreement expired earlier

this year. Currently, the dairy is not in operation.

In 1978, the Regional Board issued waste discharge requirements to Mr. Wesselink for a dairy consisting of a total mature cow herd size of 989 cows, of which 742 were milking cows. In 2000, the requirements were updated and reissued as NPDES Permit No. CA 0109321. In 2005, the Regional Board notified the lessee to submit a Report of Waste Discharge for reissuance of the NPDES permit, but the lessee failed to submit the required information and the NPDES permit expired on October 11, 2005.

On April 11, 2007, Mr. Leo Wesselink notified the Regional Board of his intent to have Winchester Wesselink LLC resume dairy operations at the site. Subsequently, he submitted the necessary information to complete the Report of Waste Discharge for the facility. Mr. Wesselink reported the size of the dairy herd will be kept below 700 milking cows, which is the criteria for defining a dairy as a Confined Animal

Feeding Operation (CAFO) under Federal regulations. If defined as a CAFO, the discharge from the dairy would be subject to NPDES regulations.

As described in the Report of Waste Discharge, all wastewater generated by the dairy, including stormwater runoff from the facility's corrals and other manured areas will be retained in collection ponds. Mr. Wesselink submitted information documenting that the ponds have sufficient surface area to evaporate the water. However, in the event that additional disposal capacity is necessary, the dairy has 37.5 acres of bermuda pastureland available for irrigation. All dry manure produced by the dairy will be hauled offsite for disposal or reuse.

Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0042 establishes the necessary requirements for Mr. Wesselink to resume a dairy operation in a manner that protects water quality of surface and ground water in the Domenigoni Valley of the Murrieta Creek watershed. The Regional Board has received no comments about this item as of the date of preparation of this Executive Officer summary report.

**KEY ISSUES:** 

The waste management plan for the Wesselink Dairy is consistent with this Regional Board's regulatory program policy (Resolution No. 87-71) as prescribed in Basin Plan for controlling salt and nitrogen loading by dairies and implements State Board Resolution No. 88-35 directing this Regional Board to implement procedures developed by the State Board to determine loading limits for proposed dairies in order to meet Basin Plan objectives or to amend the Basin Plan as appropriate.

COMPLIANCE RECORD:

The Regional Board has identified no major compliance

issues with the Wesselink Dairy.

LEGAL CONCERNS:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Map showing the location of facility.

2. Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0042 with transmittal letter.

3. Facility Plot Plan

None.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0042 is

recommended.

## **ATTACHEMENT 1**

**Map Showing the Location of the Facility** 

## **ATTACHEMENT 2**

Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0042

## **ATTACHEMENT 3**

**Wesselink Dairy Plot Plan**