

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT  
STAFF: Carmen Fewless  
MEETING DATE: July 8, 2008

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: **Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grazing Operations in the Tomales Bay Watershed (Tomales Bay, Lagunitas Creek, Walker Creek, and Olema Creek)** – Adoption of Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

CHRONOLOGY: The Board has not considered this item before.

DISCUSSION: The Water Board is the lead agency for the adoption of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Grazing Operations in the Tomales Bay Watershed (Waiver of WDRs) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prior to the Board's consideration of the Waiver of WDRs itself, CEQA requires that the Board consider adoption of a Negative Declaration or other CEQA document. By adopting the Negative Declaration document, the Board will certify that adoption of the Waiver of WDRs will not cause environmental impacts. Based on the Project Description and Environmental Checklist Form (Appendix B) prepared in support of the Draft Negative Declaration (Appendix A), staff concludes that issuing the Waiver of WDRs will not have a significant impact on the environment.

A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration and supporting materials was posted on our website. Notice of its availability for public comment was published in the Point Reyes Light on May 22. Copies of the Draft Negative Declaration were also submitted to the State Clearinghouse, which distributed it for review to other State agencies. No comment letters were received on the Draft Negative Declaration by the end of the review period.

This item goes along with Item 4, consideration of adoption of the Waiver of WDRs. For specific details regarding the Waiver of WDRs, please see the Staff Report for Item 4.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: Adoption of Negative Declaration

APPENDICES: A: Resolution Adopting Negative Declaration  
B: Project Description and Environmental Checklist Form