
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 8, 2014

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Dear Mr. Lozeau:

Subject: Response to your Petition to the Regional Water Board to Take Actions to Enforce Violations of Order No. R1-2013-0003 at Central Disposal Site's Composting Facility

File: Sonoma County Central Disposal Site, WDRs Order No. R1-2013-0003

Thank you for your June 17, 2014 letter regarding the subject matter. Please be advised that we consider the discharge of wastewater from the compost facility at the Central Disposal Site to be a serious water quality concern, hence our requirements imposed through Order No. R1-2013-0003 and subsequent correspondence with and to the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA). Note also that in the interest of landfill waste reduction, this Regional Water Board would prefer to find a solution that allows Sonoma County to continue to operate a viable facility to manage and compost waste generated within the County.

We have been in close communication with SCWMA as they have been working on identifying short and long term measures to address this concern. While the projects proposed in the SCWMA's July 2014 plan will not lead to zero discharge over the next 2-3 winters, it does provide what appears to be a realistic long-term path to zero discharge by Fall 2017 at the latest, the interim steps appear reasonable, and the obstacles preventing more timely completion or more expansive interim measures appear quite real as well. Accordingly, we have provided SCWMA with the August 8, 2014 response which we cc'd to you by email. Please note, as stated in that response, we intend to issue a Time Schedule Order to SCWMA pending receipt of further information about daily volumes and destinations of compost wastewater to be pumped and trucked for offsite disposal during the rainy season.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this matter. We will keep you on our mailing list for this matter as it progresses. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Diana Henriouille at (707)576-2350 or, by email, at Diana.Henriouille@waterboards.ca.gov or David Leland at (707)576-2069 or, by email, at David.Leland@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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