

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Revision of Waste Discharge Requirements

for

CALPINE SISKIYOU GEOTHERMAL PARTNERS, L.P., AND
CPN TELEPHONE FLAT, INC., AND
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE AND
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
GLASS MOUNTAIN UNIT GEOTHERMAL
EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
SISKIYOU COUNTY

Calpine Siskiyou Geothermal Partners, L.P., and CPN Telephone Flat, Inc., submitted a Report of Waste Discharge requesting a revision of waste discharge requirements for a discharge from the drilling and flow testing of new geothermal wells in the Glass Mountain area of the Medicine Lake Highlands. The Discharger also proposes to flow test some of the existing wells in the Telephone Flat area and to use acid for “*formation stimulation*.” This Order regulates discharges associated with the drilling and testing of geothermal wells including land clearing, well pad construction, sump construction, fluids discharged to sumps, and aboveground transfer of geothermal fluid in temporary pipelines from wells to sumps or injection wells. This Order prohibits the discharge of injection fluids, drilling mud, spent acids used for permeability enhancement, petroleum products, or associated wastewater to land other than to tanks and sumps designed for their containment. The requirements cover the design, construction, and operation of the sumps including specifications for closure at the completion of the exploration activities. Re-injection of geothermal fluids will be to a geothermal well approved for this purpose by U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. BLM would review any proposal for formation stimulation by well acid operations or injection under a “*sundry notice*” pursuant to 43 CFR 3261.22 and would adopt stipulations as necessary.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 4/5 May 2006
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Water Board
- Calpine Siskiyou Geothermal Partners, L.P., and CPN Telephone Flat, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **20 April 2006**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons, including parties, wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **24 April 2006**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **24 April 2006** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the Calpine Siskiyou Geothermal Partners, L.P., and CPN Telephone Flat, Inc., activities should contact Jim Rohrbach at (530) 224-3213. By 24 March 2006, the proposed Order and related documents may be downloaded from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. The proposed item and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., appointment recommended.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

James C. Pedri, P.E.
Assistant Executive Officer

23 March 2006