

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0082546)
AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER**

FOR

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
SIERRA CONSERVATION CENTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation owns and operates a Water Treatment Plant that provides drinking water to the inmate population and employees at the Sierra Conservation Center in Tuolumne County. The Water Treatment Plant discharges settled multi-media filter backwash to Shotgun Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to Tulloch Reservoir and the Stanislaus River.

The proposed permit renewal does not allow for an increase in the mass of pollutants to be discharged. The proposed Order includes new effluent limitations for aluminum, dibromochloromethane, iron and manganese. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for iron and manganese. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed to provide interim limitations and a time schedule for compliance.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: September 13/14, 2007
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: To be determined

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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 Board no later than **5 September 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Order were issued on **11 July 2007**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than noon on **13 August 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on **13 August 2007** 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 Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact Ms. Jennifer Watts at (916) 464-4795. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional 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/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi 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.

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

11 July 2007

Original Signed by

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer