

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NPDES NO. CA0079103)**

**FOR**

**CITY OF MODESTO  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY  
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

The City of Modesto (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility, a publicly owned treatment works. The Water Quality Control Facility provides sewerage service for the City of Modesto, the community of Empire, and a portion of the City of Ceres, serving a population of approximately 224,000. Seasonally, from 1 October through 31 May, and under conditions of a minimum 20 to 1 flow ratio (receiving water: effluent), up to 70 million gallons per day (mgd) of disinfected secondary treated municipal wastewater may be discharged to the San Joaquin River. During the growing season, the Discharger applies secondary treated wastewater to the City's 2,526 acre ranch at agronomic rates. Due to insufficient disposal capacity during periods of low river flows, the Discharger has requested a year-round discharge of 4.8 mgd of tertiary treated wastewater. The proposed Order allows for an additional 4.8 mgd of tertiary treated municipal wastewater to be discharged to the San Joaquin River year-round.

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

DATE: 13/14 March 2008  
TIME: 8:30 am  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Discharger

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 **28 February 2008**. 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 were issued on **15 January 2008**. 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 18 February 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **noon on 18 February 2008**, 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 James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional 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 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](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-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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.

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Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer