

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0082066)
FOR
SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.
ANDERSON DIVISION
SHASTA COUNTY**

Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates the Anderson Division Sawmill and Cogeneration Facility located at 19758 Riverside Avenue near Anderson, Shasta County. The Discharger may be contacted by mail at P.O. 10939, Anderson, CA 96007. The Facility consists of a 150-million board foot sawmill, planer mill, millwork, drying kilns, wood fired cogeneration boiler for generation of electrical power and steam for kiln heating, paved log unloading and scaling yard, rough cut lumber storage area, bark processing and storage area, chip loading area, log deck, pole log deck, fabrication shop, truck shop, paved finished lumber storage areas and separate pole handling facilities which include a scaling yard and log deck.

Cogeneration process water, sawmill process water, and industrial storm water are discharged to a network of onsite storage ponds. If the combined storage capacity of the ponds is projected to be exceeded due to a very high rainfall winter (e.g., annual rainfall greater than 100-year return frequency), then the Discharger discharges subsequent industrial storm water from the southern portion of the Facility to the Sacramento River through Discharge Point D-002. Cogeneration process water, log deck recycle water, log deck storm water, and industrial storm water from the northern portion of the Facility continues to be stored in the ponds, and do not discharge to the river.

The Discharger is in the process of adding a new cogeneration power facility, including a new fuel shed, boiler building, turbine building, cooling tower, electrostatic precipitator, ash silo and electric substation, at the Facility. The boiler would burn biomass fuel to produce steam to dry lumber in existing kilns and to power a steam turbine. The steam turbine would drive a generator that would produce up to 31 MW of electricity.

The Discharger is expected to be able to immediately comply with the tentative NPDES permit, if adopted. This item was previously scheduled to be considered at the Regional Water Board's April 2011 Board meeting, but was pulled from the Agenda due to the lack of a voting quorum.

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

DATE: 3/4/5 August 2011
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. representatives

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Regional Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 23 June 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative Order was issued on 24 May 2011. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 23 June 2011**. Only testimony, evidence, and/or comments regarding the tentative Order will be accepted absent a ruling by the Chair. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Regional Water Board or any designated 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. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Regional Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Regional Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact Bryan Smith at (530) 226-3425. 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/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Regional Water Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

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 Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml 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.

Original signed by Bryan J. Smith for

Robert A. Crandall
Assistant Executive Officer