

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DEWATERING AND OTHER LOW THREAT DISCHARGES
TO SURFACE WATERS
(NPDES NO. CAG995001)**

Individuals, public agencies, private businesses, public and private water suppliers, such as irrigation districts, water districts, and water agencies, and other legal entities often need to discharge clean or relatively pollutant-free wastewater to surface waters and surface water drainage courses that pose little or no threat to water quality. These discharges are often short-term and low volume in nature. To regulate these low threat discharges to surface water, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Order R5-2008-0081 General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (NPDES No. CAG995001) on 12 June 2008.

The Low Threat General Order expires on 1 June 2013. A proposed NPDES permit renewal has been developed for reissuance of the Low Threat General Order. The proposed permit renewal contains no significant changes from the existing General Order and dischargers currently covered by General Order R5-2008-0081 would automatically be granted continued coverage under the renewed Low Threat General Order.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 30/31 May 2013
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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 **5:00 p.m. on 8 April 2013**. 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 wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 8 April 2013**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 8 April 2013** 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 Board Chair.

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Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact James Marshall at (916) 464-4772 or jdmarshall@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley 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 Central Valley 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 final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 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/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. **Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for board action.** For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on **16 May 2013**. If the Central Valley Water Board does not take action on **30 May or 31 May 2013**, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Central Valley Water Board, the Chair, or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Central Valley Water Board will provide notice via the Lyris email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

Ex parte disclosure forms are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/publications_forms/index.shtml.

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.



KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

5 March 2013