

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Notice of Consideration of Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and
General Waste Discharge Requirements

for

**GENERAL ORDER FOR IN-SITU GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION
AND DISCHARGE OF TREATED GROUNDWATER TO LAND**

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), petroleum hydrocarbons, nitrate, hexavalent chromium and fumigants have impacted groundwater at numerous sites within the Central Valley Region and cause or threaten to cause adverse impacts to existing and potential beneficial uses of groundwater resources. These sites are being required to clean up the pollution and restore the beneficial uses of the groundwater. This cleanup can take many forms. The two most common methods of cleanup of groundwater pollution are pump and treat, and in-situ remediation. The operation and discharge of a pump and treat system is generally regulated under site-specific or general waste discharge requirements. Prior to the proposed General Order, site-specific waste discharge requirements were issued to regulate in-situ groundwater remediation projects. The process to develop and adopt site-specific waste discharge requirements can be lengthy. Many in-situ treatment processes have common components and issues that can be regulated under general waste discharge requirements. Therefore, the General Order is proposed for In-situ Remediation of Groundwater to help expedite the cleanup process. The only potential adverse impacts identified in the Negative Declaration are addressed with the requirements associated with the General Order. In addition, prior to coverage under the General Order each project will have to undergo a CEQA review process to address site-specific environmental issues.

An **informal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 5/6 December 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, California

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed informal hearing item must submit evidence, if any, or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **10 November 2014**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **10 November 2014** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

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An objection by a party, either in writing or at the time of the hearing, to the decision to hold an **informal** hearing shall be resolved by the Board Chair before going ahead under the informal procedure. Failure to make a timely objection to the use of informal hearing procedures before those procedures are used will constitute consent to an informal hearing.

Anyone having questions on proposed waste discharge requirements should contact Alexander MacDonald at (916) 464-4625. Interested parties may download the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, General Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tenative/>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at 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. by appointment.

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.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/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.

Original signed by: _____
ANDREW ALTEVOGT, Assistant Executive Officer