

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Notice of Public Hearing**

For

Proposed Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2014-0034

For

**Sonoma County Water Agency and  
Russian River County Sanitation District**  
Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)  
NPDES Permit No. CA0024058  
WDID No. 1B820450SON

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, proposes to adopt Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2014-0034 in the matter of the Sonoma County Water Agency and Russian River County Sanitation District (Permittee) for violations and threatened violations of land discharge specifications for total dissolved solids and sodium, and discharge prohibitions and groundwater limitations established in Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2014-0002. This item will be open for public comment between May 13, 2014, and June 13, 2014.

The proposed Cease and Desist Order establishes compliance schedules for actions that the Permittee must complete in order to meet final land discharge specifications for total dissolved solids and sodium and to ensure compliance with all groundwater limitations and discharge prohibitions in Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2014-0002.

***Public Hearing Procedures***

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Cease and Desist Order has been scheduled for August 14, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. at the Regional Water Board office located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Cease and Desist Order, or take other action. Vote will be taken by roll call.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, fifteen (15) copies must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on June 13, 2014, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Submittal of a copy of the draft Order with underline/strikeout requested changes will not be accepted as formal comments and will not be transmitted to the Regional Water Board because that format does not provide sufficient explanation and rationale regarding the nature and scope of the requested changes for Regional Water Board staff to evaluate. Instead formal comments shall be submitted in a letter format with requested changes and supporting arguments and documentation included.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Permittee or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than June 13, 2014. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Permittee. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide policy statements or comments at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Permittee may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted written evidence or if the Regional Water Board Chair allows late submitted written or oral comments. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to speak at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid repetitive comments, one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

### **Document Review**

The tentative Order, related documents and comments received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The Order and associated documents are also available on the Regional Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

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Executive Officer

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