
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Updated Notice of Public Hearing

Of

**Proposed Rescission Order No. R1-2017-0038
Rescission of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Order No. R1-2013-
0029 and Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2013-0030**

for the

**City of Tulelake
Wastewater Treatment Facility**

**NPDES No. CA0023272
WDID No. 1A84002OSIS**

Siskiyou County

This Updated Notice of Public Hearing is revising the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in The Press Democrat on Saturday July 8, 2017.

On October 19, 2017, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of Order No. R1-2017-0038 rescinding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order Number R1-2013-0029 and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R1-2013-0030 for the City of Tulelake Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility).

The City of Tulelake (Permittee) has been discharging under NPDES Order No. R1-2013-0029 (NPDES Permit). CDO No. R1-2013-0030 required the City of Tulelake to cease and desist discharging untreated or partially treated waste to Tulelake Irrigation District Drain No. 44-B-1, a tributary to Tulelake, in violation of the NPDES Permit discharge prohibitions

III. B and III.D and final effluent limitations for Total Coliform, Total Chlorine Residual, Total Arsenic, Total Copper, Total Cyanide, Dichlorobromomethane, Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate, Total Ammonia, Dissolved Organic Nitrogen, Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD), pH and acute toxicity for violating the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) discharge prohibitions, technology based effluent limitations and water quality based effluent limitations of Order No. R1-2013-29. The CDO established time schedules for the Permittee to implement a capital improvement project (CIP) that would upgrade treatment processes at the Facility and allow the Facility comply with Basin Plan discharge prohibitions and final effluent limitations.

On March 12, 2015, the Regional Water Board adopted land discharge Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R1-2015-0002. This Order reflects the facility upgrade required in the CDO that includes rehabilitating the headworks with new influent pumps; converting the sand filter into a treatment lagoon (No. 3); dredging lagoon No. 1, and lining lagoons 1 and 3 with synthetic liners; constructing two irrigation storage ponds with an irrigation pump station; and developing a recycled water irrigation field. The Regional Water Board has determined that the Permittee is in satisfactory compliance with the requirements of the CDO, Order No. R1-2015-0002 and the Basin Plan.

This item will be open for public comment between **July 12, and August 14, 2017**.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Rescission order is scheduled for October 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held in Siskiyou County at following address:

**Weed City Council Chambers
City Hall
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094**

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed rescission order.

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, must be submitted to NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov and received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on **August 14, 2017**. 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.

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 Board no later than **August 14, 2017**. 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 Permittees. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Permittee, may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. 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 testify 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 unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The draft Rescission Order and other related documents are available for review between **July 12, 2017, and August 14, 2017**, on the website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/npdes_permits_and_wdrs.shtml or by contacting the Regional Water Board's office at (707) 576-2220. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

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July 12, 2017