

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Notice of Public Hearing and Issuance of an Order
Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2008-0101

For

Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2003-0047

In the Matter of
City of Yreka
WDID No. 1A84073OSIS

Siskiyou County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), Assistant Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0059 to the City of Yreka (hereinafter Discharger) on May 22, 2008. The Complaint assessed administrative civil liabilities in the amount of \$36,500 for violations related to discharge specifications and discharge prohibitions that occurred during the period from May 15, 2003 to April 30, 2008.

On July 21, 2008, the Discharger submitted a waiver of the right to a public hearing and proposed to undertake a Project in lieu of paying the full amount of the penalty. The Discharger paid \$10,750 into the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account and proposed a Project with a minimum total value of \$25,750. The proposed Project will upgrade the collection system at ten locations that have been identified via video inspection as priority inflow and infiltration reduction projects.

Public Hearing Procedures

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on this matter on October 23, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., or as announced in the Regional Water Board's summary agenda to be mailed on or about October 2, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Weaverville Victorian Inn 2015 Main Street, Weaverville, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Civil Liability, or take other enforcement action.

By 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2008 the Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material that they would like the Regional Water Board to consider on this issue. This written material will be made available to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger 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 the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2008. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late-accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than ten minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes each for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Document Review

The Order is available for review on the Regional Water Board web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative-Orders/. That document as well as the other evidentiary documents and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office on Mondays through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended for file review. Appointments may be made by calling (707) 576-2220. For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Kason Grady at (707) 576-2701 or at kgrady@waterboards.ca.gov.

Catherine Kuhlman,
Executive Officer

August 13, 2008