

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Notice of Public Hearing

For

Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements and Master Reclamation Permit
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)
Order No. R1-2012-0016, NPDES Permit No. CA0023639

And

Proposed Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0015

For

Graton Community Services District
Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility
WDID No. 1B840600SON

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of the above proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) for the Graton Community Services District Wastewater Treatment, Reclamation and Disposal Facility. Proposed WDR Order No. R1-2012-0016 will replace WDR Order No. R1-2004-0038 and will also serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for a period of five years. Proposed CDO No. R1-2012-0015 modifies existing CDO No. R1-2008-0109 and is for violations and threatened violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order Nos. R1-2004-0038 and R1-2012-0016. The Orders will be available for public comment between December 28, 2011 and January 30, 2012.

Public Hearing Procedures

Public hearings to consider comments and objections to the proposed Orders are scheduled for March 15, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A in Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearings, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Orders.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning these hearings, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 31, 2012, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. 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 these public hearings.

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 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 these hearings must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than January 30, 2012. 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 Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at these public hearings. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three 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 these public hearings. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at these public hearings, 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 Orders, 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 draft Orders are also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

December 29, 2011