

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

To

Consider Adoption of a Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2012-0026
NPDES Permit No. CA0025143
WDID No. 1B06008NMEN

For

WILLITS ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION TRUST
AND THE CITY OF WILLITS
PAGE PROPERTY GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM

Mendocino 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 (Regional Water Board), will consider the adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2012-0026, which also serves as an NPDES Permit for the Willits Environmental Remediation Trust and City of Willits, for the continued operation and treatment of groundwater contaminated with hexavalent chromium.

Public Hearing Procedures

The public meeting to consider the adoption of the above documents is scheduled for April 26, 2012 in Santa Rosa at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa California, 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 documents, or take another action.

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 received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on February 21, 2012, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons along with the full agenda materials.

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 February 21, 2012. 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 the Regional Water Board Chair and usually allow no more than 15 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes 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 tentative Order, related documents and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office during normal business hours or viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Janice Goebel at (707) 576-2676 or at jgoebel@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Executive Officer

January 20, 2012