

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
LUCERO OLIVE OIL LLC AND CRANE MILLS
LUCERO OLIVE OIL
TEHAMA COUNTY**

Lucero Olive Oil LLC and Crane Mills (Discharger) operate an olive oil processing plant (Facility) in Corning in Tehama County.

The Discharger's olive harvest typically begins in mid-September and ends mid-December. During this time, processing occurs approximately eight hours per day, five days a week. Raw olives are unloaded and conveyed to a wash tank where they are cleaned. The washed olives are then conveyed to a crusher, where the pits, meat, stems, and skin of the olives are ground together to form a paste. The paste is transferred to one of six 400-gallon malaxers, where the paste is agitated at a controlled temperature and the oil is separated from the fruit. A boiler is used to heat the malaxers; all boiler washdown and blowdown water is collected and disposed of offsite by a contracted cleaner. The remaining paste is transferred to a decanter to further separate the oil, water, and solids; the water and solids that are separated within the decanter are termed pomace. The pomace is sent to holding tanks or dump end trailers for disposal and the oil is sent to a polisher to further separate the oil and water.

Wastewater is transported to a 180-acre almond orchard land application site in Corning via a 4,000 gallon water truck; wastewater is either immediately applied via a nurse trailer or stored within poly tanks at the land application area depending upon soil and weather conditions. All solids and pomace are transported off-site to a permitted solar drying facility; the dried solids and pomace are used in cattle feed.

The Discharger is expected to be able to immediately comply with the tentative WDR permit, if adopted.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 02 / 03 February 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- Staff of the Lucero Olive Oil LLC and Crane Mills
- Staff of Carollo Engineers

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on 24 December 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact **Jacqueline Matthews at (530) 224-3249**. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

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

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Central Valley Water Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Robert A. Crandall
Assistant Executive Officer