

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

Consideration of Adoption of Revisions to Waste Discharge Requirements  
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)  
for the

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
FORMER McCLELLAN AIR FORCE BASE (AFB)  
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The United States Department of the Air Force owns and operates a groundwater treatment system (GWTS) designed to extract and treat groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOC's). The GWTS has been expanded and is now designed to treat a maximum of 2.88 million gallons per day (mgd) of extracted groundwater. Treated groundwater is subsequently discharged to Magpie Creek, tributary to the Magpie Creek Diversion, tributary to Robla (Rio Linda) Creek, tributary to the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal, tributary to the Sacramento River. A small portion of the flow, up to 0.144 mgd, is also discharged to a wetland which drains to adjacent Don Julio Creek, which is tributary to Magpie Creek. Proposed revisions to this Order would allow an increase in discharge flows from 2.16 mgd to 2.88 mgd. Revisions to the Order will also allow the use of temporary storage basins which have been configured to allow for diversion of the effluent discharge from Magpie Creek at times when the effluent quality is uncertain and may potentially exceed the NPDES permit effluent limitations. This reconfiguration of the system was designed in response to the new restrictions on the amount of water which may be discharged to the sanitary sewer. The purpose of this reconfiguration is to ensure compliance with effluent limitations in both the NPDES permit and industrial sewer discharge permit prior to discharge.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 20 and 21 October 2005  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Representatives of the United States Department of the Air Force

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board

no later than **30 September 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative revisions to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0052 were issued on **19 August 2005**. Persons wishing to comment on the revisions to this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **30 September 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **30 September 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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

Anyone having questions on the proposed tentative revisions to this Order should contact James Taylor at (916) 464-4669 or Jon Ericson at (916) 464-4660. Interested parties may download the proposed revised Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka 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.

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