

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0079103)**

FOR

**CITY OF MODESTO
WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

The City of Modesto (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility, a publicly owned treatment works. The Water Quality Control Facility provides sewerage service for a population of approximately 224,000. Seasonally, from 1 October through 31 May, and under conditions of a minimum 20 to 1 flow ratio (receiving water: effluent), up to 70 million gallons per day (mgd) of disinfected secondary treated municipal wastewater may be discharged to the San Joaquin River, and an additional 4.8 mgd of tertiary treated municipal wastewater is proposed to be discharged year-round. During the growing season, the Discharger applies secondary treated wastewater to the City's 2,526 acre ranch at agronomic rates.

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for the Water Quality Control Facility were originally circulated on 15 January 2008. Written comments and/or recommendations were required to be submitted by 18 February 2008. The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements have been revised based on comments received from interested persons, requiring an additional 30-day comment period. The revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements include new effluent limitations for electrical conductivity and revised effluent limitations for aluminum, carbon tetrachloride, nitrate, and nitrite. Comments from interested persons will be allowed for these revisions only. The opportunity to comment on the remainder of the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements has already passed.

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

DATE: 24/25 April 2008
TIME: 8:30 am
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Discharger

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 **17 April 2008**. 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 revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on **21 February 2008**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item, for the newly proposed effluent limitations described above, shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 25 March 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 25 March 2008**, or any written evidence or comments submitted regarding any requirements contained in the revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements other than the newly proposed effluent limitations for electrical conductivity, aluminum, carbon tetrachloride, nitrate, and nitrite, 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 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

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed 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 are 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/. 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 or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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.

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

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

22 February 2008