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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**PROPOSED SPECIAL ORDER  
FOR  
CHEVRON USA INC.  
SECTION 29 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS  
LOST HILLS OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY  
MODIFYING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2005-0134**

Chevron USA Inc. owns and operates a 26-acre wastewater disposal facility consisting of eight unlined surface impoundments on Section 29 in the Lost Hills Oil Field, Kern County. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2005-0134 (WDRs), adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Central Valley Water Board"), prescribes requirements and contains a time schedule for ceasing the wastewater discharge and closure of the surface impoundments. Chevron USA Inc. has ceased the discharge and is proceeding with closure in compliance with the WDRs. Provision C.11 of the WDRs requires submittal of a Closure Certification Report by 31 December 2008. Chevron USA Inc. submitted a written request and justification, citing among other things unforeseen conditions, to extend the submittal date for the submittal of the Closure Certification Report an additional 90 days. The proposed Special Order modifies the existing WDRs by extending the submittal compliance date for the Closure Certification Report to 31 March 2009.

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

DATES: 4/5 December 2008  
TIME 8:30 am  
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:

- Central Valley Water Board staff
- Chevron USA, Inc. staff

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 Central Valley Water Board staff no later than **5:00 PM on 1 December 2008**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the proposed modification to the WDRs.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Water Board staff no later than **5:00 PM on 1 December 2008**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **5:00 PM on 1 December 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. The noticed hearing will address only the proposed modification to Order No. R5-2005-0134 as specified in the proposed Special Order and accordingly only testimony, evidence, or comments concerning the proposed modification will be considered.

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 Central Valley Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Special Order should contact Douglas Wachtell at (559) 445-5114. Interested parties may download the proposed Special Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of the documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E St., Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 Central Valley 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/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.

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LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer