

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS R5-2007-0075
(NPDES NO. CA0078581)**

FOR

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
CENTRAL PLANT OPERATIONS
HEATING AND COOLING FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The California Department of General Services (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a Heating and Cooling Facility that provides heating and cooling to downtown State office buildings. On 22 June 2007, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board), adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2007-0075, NPDES No. CA0078581, that prescribes waste discharge requirements for the Central Plant Operations, Heating and Cooling Facility (hereafter Facility) for the discharge of non-contact cooling water from a spray header into the Sacramento River. The Discharger did not have sufficient mixing zone information during the adoption of Order No. R5-2007-0075. This resulted in the application of no dilution credits to (1) chronic water quality objectives used in water quality based effluent limit calculations and (2) chronic toxicity numeric triggers. Since the Order adoption, the Discharger conducted a mixing zone study accepted by the Regional Water Board. The study formed the technical basis for changes to the chronic toxicity numeric trigger. However, dilution credits applied to the chronic water quality objectives did not result in any changes to the water quality based effluent limits in Order No. R5-2007-0075. A Resolution is proposed to amend Order No. R5-2007-0075 to allow a dilution credit for chronic aquatic life criteria resulting in the revision of the chronic whole effluent toxicity number monitoring trigger.

Also, Order No. R5-2007-0075 contains performance-based maximum daily effluent limitations for electrical conductivity. Due to operational changes at the Facility, the proposed Resolution modifies the performance-based effluent limitations for electrical conductivity, to reflect current operations and the appropriate averaging period.

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

DATE: 4/5 December 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 Water Board
- California Department of General Services, Central Plant Operations 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 Board no later than **21 November 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.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **17 October 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **17 October 2008** 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 Resolution should contact Mr. James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download this notice and related documents from the Regional 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 Regional Water 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 Water 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-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.

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

10 September 2008