

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

(NPDES No. CA0083143)

AND

TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

FOR

SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY

MINERS RANCH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

BUTTE COUNTY

South Feather Water and Power Agency (Discharger) owns and operates Miners Ranch Water Treatment Plant (Facility), which provides up to 14.4 million gallons per day (mgd) of potable water to residents in Butte County. The Facility discharges up to 1.03 mgd of backwash wastewater to Miners Ranch Reservoir, a water of the United States.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit (referred to as Waste Discharge Requirements or WDRs), proposing new or more restrictive effluent limitations for aluminum and copper. The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the aluminum and copper effluent limitations. Therefore, the WDRs include a compliance schedule for aluminum and a Time Schedule Order is included to provide a time schedule for copper.

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

DATE: 26, 27, 28 May 2010
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
- South Feather Water and Power Representatives

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 Board no later than **15 March 2010**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative NPDES Permit Renewal and Time Schedule Order were issued on 11 February 2010. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5:00 p.m. on 15 March 2010**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date 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 Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact **Jacqueline Matthews at (530) 224-3249**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order 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 Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002, 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 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/centralvalley/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.

Original signed by

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