

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

364 Knollcrest Drive #205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0081507)**

AND

ADOPTION OF TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

FOR

**SHASTA COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 17
COTTONWOOD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SHASTA COUNTY**

The Shasta County Service Area No. 17 (Discharger) owns and operates the Cottonwood Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) in the community of Cottonwood, Shasta County. The Facility provides advanced secondary level treatment of municipal wastewater. The treatment components consist of a headworks; anoxic biological selector; two parallel oxidation ditches; mixed liquor recycle pump station; two parallel secondary clarifiers; two parallel traveling bridge filters; chlorine gas chlorination; chlorine contact chamber; sulfur dioxide gas dechlorination; two aerated sludge storage basins; and three sludge drying beds. Effluent discharges through a diffuser to Cottonwood Creek. The discharge is regulated under an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit.

The proposed NPDES permit includes effluent limitations for biological oxygen demand, total suspended solids, pH, copper, zinc, disinfection byproducts, ammonia, nitrate plus nitrite, total chlorine residual, total coliform organisms, and whole effluent toxicity. Interim effluent limitations for ammonia and a compliance schedule, to allow time for the Discharger to come into compliance with the final ammonia effluent limitations, are included in the proposed permit. The proposed Time Schedule Order contains a time schedule for compliance with final effluent limitations for copper, zinc, and dichlorobromomethane contained in the proposed NPDES permit; sets interim limitations for these constituents and is intended to provide protection from mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for copper, zinc, and dichlorobromomethane.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit and adoption of a Time Schedule Order to address compliance issues associated with new, more stringent, effluent limitations included in the proposed NPDES permit.

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

DATE: 18/19 April 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706
and
Online Meeting

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Shasta County Service Area No. 17

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 no later than **5:00 p.m. on 6 February 2024**. 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 Central Valley Water Board via email to RB5S NPDES Comments@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on 22 February 2024**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 22 February 2024** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will 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.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Marisol Gonzalez at Marisol.Gonzalez@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the [tentative Orders](#) 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 Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Avenue, #205, Redding, California 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/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the

proposed order(s). If the location of the Board Meeting changes, the final meeting agenda will be updated.

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 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/). 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) or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to the Central Valley Water Board Redding Office at (530) 224-4845.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an email to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (530) 224-4845 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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