

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

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENT
OF**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R3-2010-0011,
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
NO. CA0048143
FOR THE EL ESTERO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to amend the City of Santa Barbara's NPDES permit, which authorizes discharge of secondary treated domestic wastewater and brine from the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Facility (El Estero) to the Pacific Ocean, to include a Water Code 13142.5(b) determination for the adjacent Charles E. Meyer Desalination Facility. The Desalination Facility, when operational, discharges brine waste into the ocean outfall for El Estero WWTF. The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment on **January 29-30, 2015**, at the:

Santa Barbara County Offices, Supervisors' Hearing Room – 4th Floor
105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

The Central Coast Water Board will consider only whether to modify the City's NPDES permit to include Attachment G. No other provisions of the NPDES permit will be amended. Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board at its office in San Luis Obispo no later than **November 28, 2014**. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the draft Order after **November 28, 2014**, unless the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship, and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by **November 28, 2014**. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The amendment to the NPDES permit, any related documents, and all comments received may be inspected and copied at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please direct comments and questions to **Peter von Langen at (805) 549-3688** (peter.vonlangen@waterboards.ca.gov) or Sheila Soderberg at (805) 549-3592 (sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov). Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.