

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0084182)**

for

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS CAMPUS
J. AMOROCHO HYDRAULICS LABORATORY
YOLO COUNTY**

The University of California, Davis is the owner and operator of the J. Amorocho Hydraulics Laboratory, hereinafter Discharger, which consists of an indoor experiment floor and a covered outdoor experiment area. Tests are conducted on fish swimming performance, behavior and physiological response. A fish treadmill, an indoor sturgeon flume, a slope-adjustable glass flume, several fish holding tanks, and a wind tunnel occupy the indoor floor area, and a large flume is located under the covered outdoor experiment area. The indoor and outdoor areas have separate water circulation systems, but discharge to a common discharge point. The fish holding tanks are used only periodically to hold fish before and after experiments are conducted. Source water for the indoor and outdoor systems is drawn from a nearby well and air-equilibrated, with tap water from the University water supply system used when fish are not utilized in the research studies. Water used in the outdoor flume is exposed to experimental fish and to river bottom soils or riparian plants prior to discharge. Water used in the indoor system is exposed only to experimental fish prior to discharge, and only when fish are used for experiments.

The effluent is discharged to the North Fork of Putah Creek, waters of the United States, and a tributary to Putah Creek, which flows to the Yolo Bypass then to the Sacramento Delta within the Lower Sacramento Watershed.

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

DATE: June 12/13, 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
- U.C. Davis 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 **5 June 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.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on **14 March 2008**. 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 **14 April 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **14 April 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 Orders should contact Ken Landau at (916) 464-4726. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. 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_meetings/mtgprocd.html 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.

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Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

12 March 2008