

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
VON BARGEN RANCH SEPTAGE DISPOSAL AREA  
GLENN COUNTY**

Scott and Sandy Von Bargaen (Discharger) own and operate the Von Bargaen Septage Ranch Septage Disposal Area, located approximately 2 miles southeast of Artois in Glenn County. The Discharger may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 126, Artois, CA 95913. Septage haulers throughout Glenn County have transported domestic septage / wastewater to the 40-acre disposal area since at least 1975 and possibly since 1950. Historical disposal practices have consisted of lime stabilization to raise the pH to a minimum of 12.0 for one half hour for pathogen and vector prevention, followed by land application. Domestic septage is spread by septic trucks, which drive to the south end of the disposal area, where they turn around and open their discharge valve, and drive north while the septage is released. Current practices also include planting oat crops on half of the land application area each year during the fall. The oats are harvested during the spring and used as animal feed. The area where septage is land applied is moved and tilled with a disc about once every other month. The other half of the land that is planted is rotated each year.

The Discharger is expected to be able to immediately comply with the tentative WDR permit, if adopted.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 8,9,10 June 2011  
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
- Staff of the Von Bargaen Ranch

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 Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on 5 May 2011**. 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 Order was issued on 5 April 2011. 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 **5:00 p.m. on 5 May 2011**. Only testimony, evidence, and/or comments regarding the tentative Order will be accepted absent a ruling by the Chair. Written materials submitted after this date and time 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 Central Valley Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact **Greg Cash at (530) 224-3208**. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](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 415 Knollcrest Drive, 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/)

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Central Valley Water 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/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/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](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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