

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

TENTATIVE REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION  
SIERRA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION  
LOYALTON LANDFILL  
CLASS III LANDFILL  
SIERRA COUNTY

The facility is an 11-acre, unlined landfill about 1¼ miles southeast of the City of Loyalton. The landfill has been active since 1977, accepting primarily household and commercial wastes. Up to 4,500 tons per year of waste are discharged to the facility. As a small rural facility, the landfill was historically exempt from liner requirements otherwise applicable to it as a municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill under federal Subtitle D regulations. In March 2003, groundwater impacts were confirmed at the site, causing the landfill to lose its liner exemption under federal regulations. Since then landfill development has been limited to vertical expansion over the existing landfill footprint.

Groundwater impacts at the site consist primarily of low to trace concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon 12) up to 9.5 µg/L. No VOCs have been detected in any of the wells at the site since the Second Half 2008, however. Surface drainage is to Smithneck Creek, tributary to the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

The proposed WDRs prescribe requirements for landfill construction, operation, and corrective action. The monitoring and reporting program requires semiannual or annual groundwater monitoring for most parameters. Further information about the facility and the proposed requirements can be found in the Findings and Information Sheet of the tentative WDRs available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders).

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

DATE: 29 and 30 March 2012  
TIME: 8:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Sierra County Department of Public Works and Transportation

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 **10 February 2012**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Tentative waste discharge requirements for the facility were issued for public comment on 20 December 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 by noon on **10 February 2012**. Written materials submitted after noon 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 Regional 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 proposed revised WDRs for the Berry Street Mall Landfill should contact John Moody at (916) 464-4641. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at [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 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 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.swrcb.ca.gov/centralvalley/laws\\_regulations](http://www.swrcb.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](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

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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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**Frederick S. Moss**, Assistant Executive Officer

20 December 2011