

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

POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE

CITY OF REDDING

BENTON CLASS III MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL

SHASTA COUNTY

The City of Redding owns and maintains the closed Benton Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill off of Buenaventura Drive on the west side of Redding. The landfill consists of one unlined waste management unit (Unit) covering 118 acres of the 450 acre site. A leachate collection and removal system underlies the eastern 1/3 of the landfill Unit, and collected leachate is discharged directly to the City of Redding sewer system. A network of groundwater monitoring wells assesses groundwater quality in the vicinity of the landfill. An active perimeter and infill gas extraction system with flare operates on-site. Benton Landfill originally opened as a burn dump in the 1930's and evolved into a sanitary landfill operation in the 1960's. Waste disposal operations ceased in 1990, and installation of a final cover system was completed in 1995. The landfill currently operates under Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 91-117, which is outdated and does not incorporate applicable sections of California Code of Regulations, Title 27.

A community airport, known as Benton Airpark, is located directly north of the landfill. The City of Redding is currently installing a runway safety overrun that extends from the southern end of the airport onto a portion of the landfill cap. This project will be completed in 2012.

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The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adopting the 2012 Order. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 7/8 June 2012
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:

- City of Redding

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

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The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program were issued on **16 March 2012**. 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 16 April 2012**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date 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 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 Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact **Dale Stultz** at **(530) 224-4786**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order 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 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002-0129 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.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/

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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 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.

Robert A. Crandall

Assistant Executive Officer

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