

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0084174)**

for

**METROPOLITAN STEVEDORE COMPANY
PORT OF STOCKTON FACILITY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Metropolitan Stevedore Company operates a marine bulk cargo handling facility (hereafter Facility) at the Port of Stockton, located on the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel, which is part of the San Joaquin River, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Industrial activities include bulk material loading, operation and maintenance of conveyors, a shiploader, and other equipment required to maintain its operation. Bulk materials handled include petroleum coke, coal, iron ore, and sulfur.

Metropolitan Stevedore Company uses an overhead conveyor system to load bulk materials onto outbound vessels. The conveyor system and ship loading equipment have been constructed with protective shields to prevent contact of the product with wind and rain. Measures are taken to reduce fugitive dust or spilled product from leaving the conveyor system. Rain water that may come in contact with spillage or fugitive dust from the conveyor system may be discharged to the San Joaquin River where the conveyor joins the ship loader. Occasionally, surfactant chemicals used as part of a dust suppression system on the shiploader may also be discharged to the river.

The proposed Order regulates "non-storm water discharges" that include the *de minimis* discharge of fugitive cargo dust or spilled product, wash water, and dust suppression water. The proposed Order includes narrative effluent limitations and requires best management practices to control and abate the discharge of pollutants to surface waters and to achieve Best Available Technology Economically Achievable, and Best Conventional Pollutant Control Technology requirements to comply with applicable water quality standards.

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

DATE: 5/6/7 December 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200,
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Metropolitan Stevedore Company representatives

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 Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 18 October 2012**. 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 proposed Order was issued on 13 September 2012. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 18 October 2012**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 18 October 2012** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

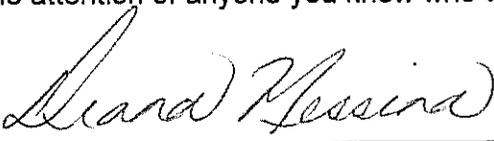
All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Anand Mamidi at (916) 464-4853 or amamidi@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative 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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all 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 Central Valley 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/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.


For KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

13 September 2012