

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO CERTIFY A NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND  
ADOPT TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
OLAM TOMATO PROCESSORS, INC., AND  
WESTLAKE FARMS, INC.,  
OLAM TOMATO PROCESSING LEMOORE PLANT  
KINGS COUNTY**

Olam Tomato Processors, Inc., (Olam) owns and operates the Olam Tomato Processing Lemoore Plant (Olam Plant) in Lemoore. Historically, Olam discharged its tomato processing wastewater to a 2,600-acre land application area. The wastewater is now discharge to a 995-acre land application area to the south of the previous land application area. Olam is requesting new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to allow the land application of wastewater produced from the Olam Plant to the new property.

Prior to adoption of WDRs to regulate the discharge of tomato processing wastewater, a review of the project's potential environmental impacts is required pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is the lead agency for the CEQA review and has prepared an Initial Study and proposed a Negative Declaration. The review period begins on 12 September 2012 and ends on 12 October 2012.

Any comments or recommendations persons may have regarding the Initial Study, Negative Declaration, or tentative WDRs must be submitted to this office by **5:00 pm on 12 October 2012** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the 5/6/7 December 2012 meeting of the Central Valley Water Board. Absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to other parties, the Board Chair may exclude comments and evidence received after this deadline.

In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, paper copies of the tentative WDRs, Initial Study, and Negative Declaration have been sent only to the Discharger. Others are advised that the tentative WDR, Initial Study, Negative Declaration are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml)

under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Board Meetings."

The Central Valley Water Board meeting where the above matter will be considered is scheduled for the following time and location:

Date: 5/6/7 December 2012  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Place: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

Anyone without access to the Internet who needs a copy of the Initial Study, Negative Declaration or tentative WDRs should contact Denise Soria at (559) 444-2488 or [dsoria@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dsoria@waterboards.ca.gov).