

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2008-0162  
AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2010-0908  
(NPDES NO. CA0084727)**

For

**TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT  
SONORA REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
AND JAMESTOWN SANITARY DISTRICT  
JAMESTOWN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) owns and operates the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) that serves approximately 25,000 people in the communities of Twain Harte, Sonora, Mono Village, Rancho Sonora Estates, Columbia, Willow Springs, Ranchos Poquitos, and Columbia. The SRWTP discharges an average dry weather flow of 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD) of disinfected secondary wastewater to Quartz Reservoir prior to distribution for reclamation by agricultural end-users. The Jamestown Sanitary District (JSD), which owns and operates the JSD Wastewater Treatment Plant, serves approximately 3,000 people and contracts with TUD for its effluent disposal. JSD discharges an average dry weather flow of 0.28 MGD of disinfected secondary wastewater to Quartz Reservoir. The predominant method of disposal is reuse for irrigation of agricultural lands. However, due to a lack of storage capacity in Quartz Reservoir during high precipitation years, excess water from Quartz Reservoir may be discharged to Woods Creek. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order R5-2008-0162 and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2010-0908 authorize the seasonal discharge of disinfected secondary effluent from 1 December through 15 May to Woods Creek.

TSO R5-2010-0908 was issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) requiring compliance with final effluent limitations for copper and zinc in Order R5-2008-0162. In 2009, TUD completed a study in which the preferred compliance project was to expand storage capacity and irrigation areas to transition to a 100 percent land disposal system, ceasing its discharge to Woods Creek. Over the past few years TUD has added approximately 53 acres of irrigation area, including sprinkler improvements on the Gardella Property. In addition, improvements have been completed on Quartz Reservoir to increase the storage capacity by 175 acre-feet. On 13 September 2013, TUD submitted an updated water balance demonstrating its effluent storage and disposal system is capable of containing all wastewater on land. Therefore, the Central Valley Water Board will consider rescission of WDR Order R5-2008-0162 and TSO R5-2010-0908.

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

DATE: 6/7 February 2014  
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:

- Tuolumne Utilities District 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 23 December 2013**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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 23 December 2013**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 23 December 2013** 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.

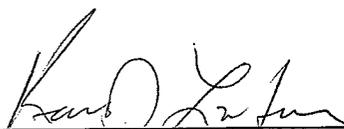
Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Dania Jimmerson at (916) 464-4742 or [Dania.Jimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dania.Jimmerson@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the Notice of Public Hearing and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies 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/scentralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/scentralvalley/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/](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](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 five 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 may be interested in this matter.



KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

22 November 2013