

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2015-XXXX**  
**FOR**  
**COUNTY OF MADERA**  
For  
**CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION**  
For  
**FAIRMEAD MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL**  
**MADERA COUNTY**

The County of Madera (hereafter referred to as Discharger) owns and operates the Fairmead Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (Facility) located approximately about five miles southeast of the City of Chowchilla in Section 14, T10S, R16E MDB&M. The existing landfill area consists of three waste management units (WMUs) covering approximately 97 acres. WMU 1 is unlined and WMUs 2 and 3 are lined. The Facility is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2004-0161, which prescribes requirements for construction and operation. However, the Facility released volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to groundwater and, in response, the Discharger implemented a corrective action program utilizing monitored natural attenuation and enhanced landfill gas extraction.

The proposed order provides for operation, construction, corrective action, as well as approving an amended waste stream.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: April 16 and 17, 2014  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- County of Madera

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 **23 February 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on 22 January 2015. 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 5:00 p.m. on **23 February 2015**. 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 absent a ruling by the Central Valley Water Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Central Valley Water Board 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 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 Central Valley Water Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on tentative waste discharge requirements should contact Kristen Gomes at (559) 445-5108 or by email at [Kristen.gomes@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kristen.gomes@waterboards.ca.gov). 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) .

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment. The final meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Central Valley Water Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of 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 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.

*Original signed by:*

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CLAY L. RODGERS, Assistant Executive Officer

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