

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL  
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION  
CARNEGIE STATE VEHICLE RECREATION AREA  
ALAMEDA AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) operates Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA) an off-highway vehicle area located southwest of Tracy at the boundary of Alameda and San Joaquin counties. The SVRA lies in the rugged, dry hills of the Corral Creek watershed, which drains eastward to the San Joaquin River. State Parks has managed Carnegie SVRA for public recreational use of off-highway vehicles, primarily motorcycles and small 4-wheel vehicles, since 1980. A network of dirt roads, trails, tracks, hill-climbing slopes, and storm-water structures are maintained by State Parks for this use. In addition, State Parks manages parking, camping, maintenance and other facilities at the site to accommodate about 90,000 visitors per year with an estimated average daily population of 250.

The Carnegie SVRA meets the criteria for a non-traditional municipality and requires State Parks to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit (Small MS4 Permit). The Small MS4 Permit provides the Regional Water Boards the authority to designate non-traditional operators of MS4s, like schools, college campuses, prisons, and other publically operated facilities, to seek permit coverage. On 14 March 2011, State Parks submitted a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and a Notice to Intent (NOI) to comply with conditions of the Small MS4 Permit. The SWMP has been reviewed and accepted by staff, and was publically noticed for a sixty day review and comment period between 28 March 2011 and 26 May 2011. Public comments were received and State Parks has revised the SWMP to address the comments (revised SWMP dated 1 August 2011). California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) have requested the Central Valley Water Board conduct a public hearing to approve the SWMP. A Notice of Public Hearing was issued for the 12/13/14 October 2011 Board Meeting before the Central Valley Water Board. The item was removed from the agenda prior to the Board Meeting.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider approval of a tentative Resolution to approve the SWMP developed by State Parks for the Carnegie SVRA at the 30 November 2011 / 1-2 December 2011 Board meeting. If the Central Valley Water Board approves the SWMP, Carnegie SVRA will be enrolled as a non-traditional entity under the Small MS4 Permit.

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

DATE: 30 November 2011 and 1/2 December 2011  
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:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- California Department of Parks & Recreation
- California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)

The tentative Resolution was circulated on 14 September 2011, and that comment period ended on 13 October 2011 with out comment. The tentative Resolution was circulated again on 21 October 2011, and the comment period will end at **5:00 pm on 21 November 2011**.

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 **5:00 pm on 11 November 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Only testimony, evidence, and/or comments regarding the tentative Resolution will be accepted absent a ruling by the Chair. Written materials submitted after **5:00 pm on 21 November 2011** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the 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 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 the proposed resolution should contact **George Day at (530) 224-4859**. Interested parties may download the proposed resolution 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 Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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 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 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 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.

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27 October 2011