

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

for

Proposed Modification Order No. R1-2011-0003
of Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2006-0021 (Revised February 8, 2007)

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit

For

City of Rio Dell Wastewater Treatment Plant
NPDES No. CA0022748
WDID No. 1B83134OHUM

Humboldt County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Modification of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2011-0003 for the City of Rio Dell Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTF). Order No. R1-2011-0003 would modify effluent limitations for copper based upon additional information showing no reasonable potential for copper to exceed water quality criteria that protect beneficial uses. This item will be open for public comment between November 11, 2010 and December 11, 2010.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for January 27, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's Office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed modification of waste discharge requirements.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on December 11, 2010, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California

95403. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than December 11, 2010. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger, may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

November 11, 2010