

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

*Consideration of an Administrative Civil Liability with a
Supplemental Environmental Project*
for

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
AMADOR COUNTY**

The City of Plymouth (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment, storage, and disposal system (WWTP), which are located approximately two miles west of the City of Plymouth in Amador County. The Discharger has had a long history of violations of its WDRs, including discharge of wastewater effluent to surface waters and surface drainage courses; failure to meet the dissolved oxygen and effluent limits prescribed by the WDRs; failure to comply with the monitoring and reporting program; failure to implement system upgrades and measures to ensure compliance with the WDRs; and failure to submit all of the technical reports required by the WDRs. Because of these violations, the Regional Board adopted C&D Order No. R5-2005-0006, which prescribes specific timetables for submitting reports and making improvements to the WWTP to ensure long-term compliance with the WDRs. However, the Discharger failed to submit certain reports prescribed by the C&D, the Executive Officer subsequently issued ACL Complaint No. R5-2005-0515 in the amount \$20,000 on 7 June 2005.

The Discharger has proposed to settle the ACL Complaint by paying \$10,000 and completing a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The proposed SEP, with a total budget of \$10,000 would be administered by the Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council and involve preliminary tasks for a bank stabilization project and Americans with Disabilities Act stream access project as part of Riparian Habitat Restoration Activities at Lions Park, Sutter Creek, Amador County. Details of the SEP proposal are provided in the proposed Order.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 15/16 September 2005

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- City of Plymouth

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 Board no later than **9 September 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Anyone having questions on Administrative Civil Liability Order should contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 464-4689. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional 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.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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.

The procedures governing Regional Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional 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/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Regional Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka 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.

Jack Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

24 August 2005