

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

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0078034),
Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2002-0105,
and Issuance of a Cease and Desist Order

for

**CITY OF WILLOWS AND ECO RESOURCES, INC.
WILLOWS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
GLENN COUNTY**

The City of Willows owns a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the City of Willows and the Northeast Willows Community Service District. ECO Resources, Inc. operates the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Upgrades are under construction that will increase the level of treatment provided by the WWTP to meet requirements of the existing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). Upon completion of the upgrades, the WWTP will consist of influent screening, extended aeration activated sludge with secondary clarifiers, continuous backwash filters, disinfection/dechlorination, equalization and emergency storage ponds, and sludge storage lagoons. The existing and draft permits require the upgraded WWTP effluent to comply with Department of Health Services Recycled Water Regulations. Currently an average of 1.22 million gallons per day of treated municipal wastewater is discharged to Agricultural Drain C (Discharge Point 001). After the upgrades are complete the Discharger is also permitted to discharge to the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Lateral 26-2 (Discharge Point 002). Both Agricultural Drain C and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Lateral 26-2 are tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. The draft WDRs extend the time for completing the upgrades from the 1 March 2006 deadline in the existing WDRs until 1 March 2007 because of difficulties the Discharger experienced in securing funding for the upgrades. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0078034. A Cease and Desist Order is proposed to rescind existing Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2002-0105 and implement a revised time schedule for achieving compliance with effluent limits for ammonia and required level of treatment.

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

DATE: 26 and 27 January 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- City of Willows
- ECO Resources, Inc.

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 **22 January 2006**. 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 must submit testimony, evidence, and or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **22 January 2006**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **22 January 2006** 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 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 on the Willows Wastewater Treatment Plant, should contact Nolan Randall at (530) 224-4801 or Bryan Smith at (530) 226-3425. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. The proposed item and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is 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/water_laws/index.html. 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_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
James C. Pedri, P.E.
Assistant Executive Officer

11 January 2006~~21 December 2005~~

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