

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
FREMONT WEIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT
YOLO AND SUTTER COUNTIES**

The Fremont Weir is a key facility that provides flood protection to the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. Sediment deposits have reduced the flow capacity of the weir by blocking the entrance and forcing flows to remain in the Sacramento River. To restore capacity, the California Department of Water Resources (Discharger) proposes to remove approximately 800,000 to 1,000,000 cubic yards of sediment from in front of and downstream of the weir. Spoils from the project will be discharged to 200 acres of agricultural land in Yolo County. The Discharger has demonstrated that the spoils are not contaminated with pesticides and are chemically similar to the native soils at the discharge site. Staff have determined that the discharge poses little or no threat to water quality if the spoils are discharged under conditions that prevent erosion.

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

DATE: 4/5 May 2006
TIME: 08:30 a.m.
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Dr. #200, Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Discharger – California Department of Water Resources

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 **1 May 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 evidence, if any, and comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **1 May 2006**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **1 May 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 Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the waiver of waste discharge requirements for the Fremont Weir sediment removal project should contact **Ross Atkinson at (916) 464-4614**. 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.

The procedures governing Regional 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 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 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 E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

6 April 2006