

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

for

**CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION  
MULE CREEK STATE PRISON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
AMADOR COUNTY**

The California State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Discharger) owns and operates the Mule Creek State Prison wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located near the City of Lone, Amador County. The WWTP treats wastewater from Mule Creek State Prison, the Preston Youth Correctional Facility, and the California Department of Forestry Fire Academy. The treated wastewater is discharged onto sprayfields for disposal.

The Discharger's WWTP is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 5-00-088. Since June 2005, the Discharger has had a number of violations of the WDRs, including but not limited to, flow limit and effluent violations, spills to surface water drainage courses, and failure to submit monitoring reports. Because the volume of influent exceeds the amount the WWTP can properly handle, the proposed Cease and Desist Order (Order) sets forth an enforceable scope and schedule for completion of WWTP improvements and technical studies to determine short term and long-term solutions for the ongoing violations of WDRs.

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

DATE: 7/8 December 2006

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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 **30 November 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.

The draft Order was circulated for public comment on 18 October 2006 with comments due by 3 November 2006. No further written comments will be accepted from persons who received the draft Order. Other persons who did not receive the draft Order and who wish to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **30 November 2006**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **30 November 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 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

Anyone having questions on this matter 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.

The procedures governing Regional 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 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/](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](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. 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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