

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0081311
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for
VALLEY WASTE DISPOSAL COMPANY
AND
CAWELO WATER DISTRICT
KERN FRONT OIL FIELD – CAWELO RESERVOIR B
KERN COUNTY

Valley Waste Disposal Company (VWDC) owns and operates its Kern Front No.2 treatment plant in the Kern Front oil field. The Kern Front No.2 treatment plant receives produced water from oil producers in the Kern Front oil field. Produced water received at the Kern Front No. 2 treatment plant receives initial treatment through gravity separation in a series of two unlined ponds and final polishing from two Wemco air flotation units. Treated produced water is then pumped through a pipeline to Cawelo Water District's Reservoir B. VWDC's treated produced water is blended with treated produced water from Chevron USA, Inc., and other surface water imports from the Beardsley Canal. The blended produced water is then discharged from Reservoir B through a distribution canal and used to supplement irrigation deliveries throughout the CWD. In winter months, when irrigation demand decreases, produced water in Reservoir B may be discharged through the distribution canal into Poso Creek, a water of the United States. VWDC has requested increases in effluent flow and the EC of the water it discharges to Reservoir B. The proposed permit includes new effluent limitations for flow and EC. The Regional Water Board will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0081311 to authorize the requested increases at a public hearing concerning this matter at a meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 20/21 June 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Valley Waste Disposal Company and Cawelo Water District

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 **18 May 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **18 May 2007**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **18 May 2007** 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 and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed Valley Waste Disposal Company and Cawelo Water District Reservoir B permit renewal should contact Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. These documents may also be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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 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 Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/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.

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

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