

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

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
AND
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
PIXLEY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
TULARE COUNTY**

The Pixley Public Utility District (District) owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). Effluent is discharged to evaporation/percolation ponds. The District is in violation of its waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and is currently under a cease and desist order (CDO). The Regional Water Board will consider updating the District's WDRs to prescribe requirements reflective of the District's plans to improve and expand the WWTF. However, the District will continue to be in violation of the new WDRs until the project is completed. Accordingly, the Regional Water Board will also consider revising the CDO pursuant to Section 13301 of the California Water Code that imposes a time schedule.

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

DATE: 13 or 14 September 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: City of Clovis, Council Chambers
1033 Fifth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Pixley Public Utility 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 Regional Water Board no later than **8 August 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.

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The tentative WDRs and CDO were issued for comment on 25 June 2007. Persons wishing 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 noon on **8 August 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on **8 August 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 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 the tentative waste discharge requirements or cease and desist order should contact Ms. Katie Carpenter at (559) 445-5551. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California, 93706, 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/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water 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

28 August 2007