

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0082295  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

For

**CHEVRON USA INC. AND CAWELO WATER DISTRICT  
PRODUCED WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT  
KERN RIVER AREA STATION 36  
KERN RIVER OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY**

Chevron USA Inc. (Chevron) owns and operates a crude oil production and treatment facility (Kern River Area Station 36) in the Kern River Oil Field, Kern County, California, and discharges treated oil field production water to Cawelo Water District (CWD) Reservoir B. At Reservoir B, produced water is commingled with surface water and used to irrigate farmland within the CWD. Excess blended water in the CWD irrigation system is periodically discharged to Poso Creek, a water of the United States. The Regional Water Board will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0082295 to authorize continued discharge and an increase in discharge flow to Reservoir B. The Permit will be considered at a public hearing concerning this matter during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 6/7 December 2007  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, California

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Regional Water Board
- Chevron USA Inc.
- 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 Regional Water Board no later than **15 October 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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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **noon on 15 October 2007**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **15 October 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 proposed permit renewal action should contact Mr. Dane Mathis at (559) 488-4287. Interested parties may download the proposed Order 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](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](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.



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LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

12 September 2007