

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0004570)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

AND

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

FEATHER RIVER FISH HATCHERY

BUTTE COUNTY

The State of California, Department of Fish and Game operates a fish hatchery owned by the State of California, Department of Water Resources. The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources are referred to as the "Discharger". The Facility can produce a maximum of 550,000 pounds of salmon and steelhead trout per year. The facility receives raw water from the Feather River and distributes it to the hatchery buildings and fish rearing areas. An estimated minimum 25.8 mgd (40 cfs) and up to a maximum of 47.3 mgd (74 cfs) of flow-through wastewater from the Facility discharges to the Feather River through two settling basins and overflow pipes. The Discharger's mailing address is 5 Table Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966. The discharge is regulated under an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Regional Water Quality Control Board adopt the tentative NPDES permit to regulate the discharge from the facility.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 13 and 14 March 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Known designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Regional Water Board
- State of California, Department of Fish and Game
- State of 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 Regional Board no later than **noon on 18 February 2008**. 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 and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **noon on 18 February 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **noon on 18 February 2008** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record, unless the Regional Water Board agrees to accept the evidence or comments and if doing so would not 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 Regional Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding this issue should contact Kevin Kratzke at (530) 224-4850. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. The proposed item and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, 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/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Regional 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.

Original signed by

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