

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 85-288  
AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 97-103  
AND SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5-00-036  
FOR  
HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
MERCED COUNTY**

The Hilmar County Water District (Discharger) operated a Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) one mile southeast of the community of Hilmar, in Merced County. The facility was regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 85-288. Because of organic and hydraulic overloading of the existing WWTF, the Regional Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 97-103, including a time schedule for the Discharger to complete modifications necessary to comply. The Discharger opted to replace the existing facility with a new WWTF. Because of difficulties obtaining funding for the new WWTF, the Discharger requested an extension of the time schedule. The Regional Water Board adopted Special Order No. 5-00-036 to extend the compliance dates.

The Discharger has now completed the required actions of CDO No. 97-103. Final issues were resolved with the Discharger's submittal of additional groundwater monitoring data, a site closure plan, and certification that stockpiled sludge has been removed from the original WWTF. The Regional Water Board will consider rescission of WDRs Order No. 85-288, CDO No. 97-103, and Special Order No. 5-00-036 for this Facility.

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

DATE: 6/7 March 2008  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Hilmar County 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 **8 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.

The rescission of WDRs Order No. 85-288, CDO No. 97-103, and Special Order No. 5-00-036 was issued for comment on 17 January 2008. 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 **5:00 p.m. on 8 February 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 8 February 2008** 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 regarding the rescission of WDRs Order No. 85-288, CDO No. 97-103, and Special Order No. 5-00-036 should contact Mr. Steve Popenoe at (559) 444-2418. 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](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-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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