

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**NEW WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CAXXXXXXX)
AND
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER**

FOR

**IRONHOUSE SANITARY DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

The Ironhouse Sanitary District (District) owns and operates the Ironhouse Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and provides sewerage service for the communities of Oakley, Bethel Island and unincorporated areas in between, serving a population of approximately 31,200. The current WWTP consists of headworks, aerated ponds, and two effluent storage ponds. The Discharger disposes of disinfected secondary treated wastewater through irrigation of agricultural lands for production of hay and pastureland for grazing cattle. The current average dry weather flow (ADWF) is 2.64 mgd and the treatment ADWF capacity is 2.7 mgd.

The District has requested a year-round surface water discharge due to a lack of adequate treatment, storage and disposal capacity. The District proposes to construct a new wastewater treatment plant that will produce nitrified/denitrified, tertiary treated effluent, with ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection. The District proposes to discharge up to 4.3 mgd (ADWF) of tertiary treated effluent, via a new outfall diffuser, to the San Joaquin River off of Jersey Island, which is within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The District would continue to maximize land disposal and water reclamation with tertiary, nitrified/denitrified effluent. The District expects to begin construction in August 2008 with funding from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program.

The proposed Order includes new effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids, turbidity, total coliform organisms, copper, iron, fluoride, manganese, nitrate, ammonia, aluminum, chlorine residual, MBAS, and lead.

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

DATE: April 24/25, 2008
TIME: 8:30 AM
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
- Ironhouse Sanitary District staff

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 **17 April 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 tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and Time Schedule Order were issued on **11 February 2008**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 pm on **17 March 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 pm on **17 March 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 on the proposed Orders should contact Mr. James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 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/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/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.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

11 February 2008