

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0084727)**

FOR

**TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
SONORA REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
JAMESTOWN SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

The Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) owns and operates the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP), and associated wastewater collection and disposal system. The TUD provides sewer services to approximately 25,000 people and has design capacity of 2.6 million gallons per day (mgd). The SRWTP produces secondary treated, disinfected effluent that is discharged to Quartz Reservoir prior to distribution for reclamation by agricultural end-users. The Jamestown Sanitary District (JSD), which owns and operates the JSD Wastewater Treatment Plant, provides sewer service to about 3,000 people. JSD has contracted with the TUD for effluent storage and disposal in Quartz Reservoir. The JSD Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges secondary treated, disinfected effluent to Quartz Reservoir, at an average dry weather flow rate of 0.28 mgd. During high rainfall years, excess water that is stored in Quartz Reservoir is discharged seasonally to Woods Creek, when the effluent can receive at least a 20:1 dilution (creek: effluent) from Woods Creek. Tentative waste discharge requirements (NPDES Permit) are proposed to regulate the seasonal surface water discharge from Quartz Reservoir to Woods Creek.

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

DATE: 23/24 October 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 Board
- Tuolumne Utilities 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 Board no later **9 October 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 were issued on **19 August 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 **24 September 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 PM on **24 September 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 Order should contact Mr. Anand Mamidi at (916) 464-4583. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional 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 Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml 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

19 August 2008