

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (NPDES No. CA0077844)  
AND RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 93-068  
FOR  
CITY OF PORTOLA  
PORTOLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
PLUMAS COUNTY**

The City of Portola (Discharger) owns and operates the Portola Wastewater Treatment Plant, which provides treatment for up to 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of domestic wastewater from the community of Portola. The Facility discharges secondary treated wastewater to the Middle Fork of the Feather River, a water of the United States.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit (referred to as Waste Discharge Requirements or WDRs), proposing new or more restrictive effluent limitations for BOD, TSS, ammonia, pH, copper, and electrical conductivity. The Discharger is able to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations. The Board will also consider rescission of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 93-068.

On 21 May 1993, the Central Valley Water Board issued CDO No. 93-068, which provided a time schedule for the Discharger to comply with overflows and excessive Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) by 1 February 1995. The Discharger completed treatment plant upgrades to ensure compliance with the CDO in the late 1990s. Although some I/I remains, as is the case with many wastewater treatment plants, substantial compliance has been achieved and the CDO is no longer needed.

Tentative WDRs were circulated on 10 April 2009. A hearing to consider the tentative WDRs was held on 12 June 2009, and the Board received comments from the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance, the Central Valley Clean Water Association and the Discharger. At the hearing, the Board and Discharger expressed concerns regarding the expense of additional studies required in the tentative WDRs, and the requirement for an outfall diffuser. The hearing was continued to allow Staff time to address these concerns.

Staff has reevaluated the necessity of the additional studies and the requirement for an outfall diffuser, and has proposed modifications to the original tentative WDRs. These are included in a "strikeout/underline" version of the tentative WDRs posted on the Board's website. Modifications include: 1) a modification to lower the BOD percent removal limitations to 65 percent; 2) a reduction in the number of monitoring wells required at the facility; 3) removal of the requirement for an outfall diffuser; 4) modifications to requirements for determining leakage of the force main crossing the Middle Fork of the Feather River; 5) changing the effluent limitation for electrical conductivity from an annual average to a monthly average; and 6) adding a monitoring station for electrical conductivity downstream of the outfall.

A public hearing to address the matters listed above will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 7, 8, 9 October 2009  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Regional Water Board Staff
- City of Portola Representatives
- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties.

Comments on the original tentative Order were to have been received by 13 May 2009, and the Board has already ruled on requests for designated party status. Persons wishing to provide additional comments and/or evidence shall submit them in writing to the Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 30 September 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 30 September 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, EVIDENCE, AND TESTIMONY FOR THE 7, 8, 9 OCTOBER 2009 HEARING WILL BE LIMITED TO THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS NOTED ABOVE.**

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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 City of Portola Wastewater Treatment Plant should contact Ron Dykstra by telephone at (530) 224-4858. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002-0129 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq., and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley 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/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](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.

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