

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
BUENA VISTA BIOMASS POWER  
AMADOR COUNTY**

Buena Vista Biomass Power (Discharger) has taken over operation of an existing power generation facility (Facility), located approximately 1 mile north of the community of Buena Vista, in Amador County. The Facility has been refurbished to burn woody biomass in order to generate electrical power. The Discharger intends to begin power generation at the Facility sometime in 2011. Under normal operations the biomass powered facility is designed to discharge waste water at a rate of 6.2 gpm to an existing Class II surface impoundment. These WDRs will primarily regulate the operation of the facility's Class II surface impoundment, which is designed to manage industrial process wastewater from the facility's biomass electrical power generation plant

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

DATE: 3/4 February 2011  
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 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Buena Vista Biomass Power Representatives.

Only designated parties will have the following 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. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

This item was initially scheduled for the May 2010 Board Meeting. The public comment period ended 21 April 2010.

Anyone having questions regarding the proposed Orders should contact Dr. Philip Giovannini at (916) 464-4812 or at [pgiovannini@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:pgiovannini@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's internet 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 may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley 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 final meeting agenda will be available at the following website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board will considered the above item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 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/board\\_info/calendar/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml). 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 Central Valley Water 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 five 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 may be interested in this matter.

7 January 2011

Original Signed By \_\_\_\_\_  
Frederick Moss, Assistant Executive Officer