

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA CA0079103)
AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
For**

**CITY OF MODESTO
WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

The City of Modesto (Discharger) owns and operates the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works. The Facility provides sewerage service for the City of Modesto, the community of Empire, and a portion of the City of Ceres, serving a population of approximately 224,000. Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5 2008-0059-01. Seasonally, from 1 October through 31 May, and under conditions of a minimum 20:1 flow ratio (receiving water: effluent), the current NPDES permit allows up to 70 million gallons per day (mgd) of disinfected secondary treated municipal wastewater to be discharged to the San Joaquin River. Additionally, the current NPDES permit allows a discharge of 4.8 mgd of tertiary treated municipal wastewater year-round to the San Joaquin River.

The proposed NPDES permit renewal includes a proposed upgrade to the tertiary facility to increase the discharge flow from 4.8 mgd to 19.1 mgd. With the expansion of the tertiary facilities, the Facility will no longer seasonally discharge secondary treated wastewater. The proposed permit includes effluent limitations for aluminum, copper, and iron that the Facility cannot immediately comply. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is also proposed allowing a time schedule for the Discharger to comply with for these effluent limitations.

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

DATE: 7/8 June 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Modesto representatives

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

Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 20 April 2012**. 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 proposed Orders were issued on 20 March 2012. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 20 April 2012**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 20 April 2012** 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 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 Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Dania Jimmerson at (916) 464-4742 or djimmersoni@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water 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 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 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 Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may 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/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 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 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

20 March 2012