

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 200, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078930)**

AND

ADOPTION OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER

FOR

CITY OF BIGGS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

BUTTE COUNTY

The City of Biggs (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant which provides treatment of the City's municipal wastewater. Effluent from the wastewater treatment plant (Facility) is discharged to Lateral K (agricultural drain – Reclamation District #833). Lateral K flows into the Cherokee Canal and ultimately may flow to Butte Creek near the Butte Sink Wetland. Butte Creek is a water of the United States, and is tributary to the Sacramento River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit, proposing new effluent limits for copper, total coliform, pH, nitrate, ammonia and chronic toxicity. A Time Schedule Order is also proposed to include a compliance schedule which allows the Discharger time to evaluate alternatives, secure funding, and complete construction of the selected alternative adequate to achieve compliance with new and existing effluent limits.

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

DATE: **3, 4, 5 October 2012**
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:

- City of Biggs

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness

testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. 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 pm on 27 August 2012**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative NPDES Permit Renewal and Time Schedule Order were issued on **27 July 2012**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 27 August 2012**. Written materials submitted after this date and time 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. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Katie Bowman at (530) 226-3458, or at kbowman@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed 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 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 200, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of 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 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 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-Rizzarda 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.

Original signed by Bryan J. Smith for

Robert A. Crandall
Assistant Executive Officer