

**Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
Board Meeting – 25 and 26 July 2013**

**Response to Written Comments for County of Kern
Bakersfield Metropolitan (Bena) Sanitary Landfill
Kern County**

Tentative Order Modifying Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0092

At a public hearing scheduled 25 and 26 July 2013, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adopting an order that will modify Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0092 by adding additional discharge specifications for the addition of clean water to the waste contained in Phase 2A to enhance decomposition of the waste and, therefore, production of landfill gas for a waste-to-energy project.

This document contains responses to substantive comments received from interested parties regarding the proposed Order circulated on 2 April 2013. Written comments from interested parties were required by public notice to be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by noon on 3 May 2013 to receive full consideration. Comments were received by the due date from:

1. County of Kern

The substantive comments are summarized below, followed by Central Valley Water Board staff responses.

COUNTY OF KERN

COMMENT: Discharge Specification B.7 reads:

“Clean water and microbial nutrients may be added to the waste contained in Phase 2A to enhance the production of landfill gas.”

It is requested that the specification be changed to:

“Clean water (i.e. groundwater, surface water or storm water) and microbial nutrients may be added to the waste contained in Phase 2A to enhance the production of landfill gas.”

RESPONSE: Listing possible sources of water that may be added to the waste is unnecessary. The water may be from any source, as long as the water is not a waste. Discharge Specification B.7 will not be modified.