

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
3/4 October 2013 Board Meeting

Response to Written Comments on
Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for
Travel Centers of America
Redding Travel Centers Wastewater treatment Plant
Shasta County

At a public hearing scheduled for 3/4 October 2013, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of tentative amended Waste Discharge Requirements for the Redding Travel Center Wastewater Treatment Plant (Order 98-014). This document contains responses to written comments received from interested parties in response to the Tentative Order. Written comments from interested parties were required to be received by the Central Valley Water Board by 30 August 2013 in order to receive full consideration. Comments were received prior to the deadline from:

1. APEX Companies LLC (Discharger's Consultant) (received 12 August 2013)

Written comments from the above interested parties are summarized below, followed by the response of Central Valley Water Board staff.

DISCHARGER (Consultant) COMMENTS

DISCHARGER COMMENT #1 – Notice of Public Hearing

The Discharger's consultant states that the information given in the opening paragraph reflects the proposed system and not the current one. They suggest that it might be confusing.

RESPONSE:

Water Board staff concurs. The description relates to the system as it is proposed and not as it currently exists. The Notice of Public Hearing has a weblink to the Tentative Order. Water Board staff has made revisions to the Tentative Order to address the comment.

DISCHARGER COMMENT #2 – Notice of Public Hearing

The Discharger's consultant states they will need time to bring the system up to full performance and may not be able to immediately comply with the order.

RESPONSE:

Water Board staff does not concur. Reports submitted by the Discharger state they will run the current system until such time as the new system is brought online. The current system is in compliance and the new system will also have to meet compliance, however the California Water Code allows startup periods for operation of a new or reconstructed wastewater treatment unit during a defined period of adjusting or testing, not to exceed 90 days.

DISCHARGER COMMENT #3 – Order, Findings

The Discharger’s consultant requests that Items No. 3, 5 and Finding No. 4 be modified to indicate that the equalization tank is not new to the system, but is larger than the previous equalization tank.

RESPONSE:

Water Board staff concurs with Discharger’s consultant on Items No. 3 and 5, and Finding No. 4, and has made the requested changes to the Tentative Order.

DISCHARGER COMMENT #4 – Order, Findings

The Discharger’s consultant states that Item No. 3 is misleading as to the new system being “...designed to have equal or better water quality...” and that the Order and Finding should be amended as not to suggest the new system will exceed the old system in its effluent water quality, even though the treatment reliability will be improved.

RESPONSE:

Water Board staff concurs, and has made the requested changes to the tentative Order.