

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
concerning

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NPDES NO. CA0082201)

FOR  
SANTA FE AGGREGATES, INC. AND WALTER JOHN SEABORN  
SAND AND GRAVEL PLANT  
TULARE COUNTY

Santa Fe Aggregates, Inc. owns and operates a Sand and Gravel Plant near the City of Woodlake. Walter John Seaborn owns the property where the Sand and Gravel Plant is located. The industry utilizes dry mining methods, requiring groundwater to stay below the invert of the mining pit. Groundwater that infiltrates the mining area and storm water are directed by ditches to a dewatering trench. The Discharger is authorized to discharge up to 1.99 million gallons per day (mgd) of dewatering trench water to St. Johns River (Discharge Point 001), a water of the United States and a tributary of Kaweah River at a point below Lake Kaweah. Dewatering trench water may also be discharged to an on-site groundwater recharge system (Discharge Point 002) or diverted to the unlined settling pond (Discharge Point 003) for reuse in the washing and processing of aggregate. No chemicals are used in the wash operation, and no wash water is diverted to the dewatering trench and St. Johns River. The discharges are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2011-0041, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0082201. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of WDRs renewing the NPDES permit.

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

DATE: 23/24 June 2016  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Santa Fe Aggregates, Inc.
- Walter John Seaborn

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 a request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **25 May 2016**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party, and, in particular, how the person is affected by the discharge.

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The tentative WDRs/NPDES permit was issued on 25 April 2016. Any person or party 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 p.m. on **25 May 2016**. Comments must be emailed to [centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov) with a carbon copy to Nicolette Dentoni. Testimony, evidence, and/or written comments submitted after 5 p.m. on **25 May 2016** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board hearing 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 Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit should contact Nicolette Dentoni at (559) 444-2505 or at [Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board 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 can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/#2016](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2016) at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the hearing will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit.

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/](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](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.

  
LONNIE M. WASS, Supervising Engineer

22 April 2016