

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California 96002

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. 95-080 and Special Order No. 99-056
For

CITY OF BIGGS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
BUTTE COUNTY

The City of Biggs (hereafter Discharger) operates the Biggs Wastewater Treatment Plant (a secondary treated municipal wastewater treatment plant), located at the northeast corner of the intersection of the Lateral K agricultural ditch and the Biggs/West Gridley Main Drainage Canal, in the City of Biggs. The wastewater is discharged from the wastewater treatment plant into Lateral K (agricultural ditch). The discharge is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-255, adopted on 8 December 2000 by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Regional Board). From 1992 through 1995 Regional Board staff documented a number of violations of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 95-002 resulting in adoption of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 95-080 by the Regional Board. Further violations of waste discharge requirements occurred after the adoption of the CDO, due to the Discharger not being able to retain grant funds to upgrade the facility. The CDO (Order No. 95-080) was amended on 11 June 1999 by Special Order No 99-056, to revise the compliance dates in the original CDO (Order No. 95-080). Since June 1999, the Discharger has upgraded the wastewater treatment plant by installing three plug flow rock filters and a permanent chlorination/dechlorination facility.

The conditions of the CDO (Order No. 95-080) and Special Order No 99-056 have been met by the Discharger. Regional Board staff is recommending that the Regional Board rescind the CDO and Special Order.

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

DATE: 3/4 May 2007
TIME: 8:30 a. m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Known designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Staff of City of Biggs

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 Regional Board no later than **20 April 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party, and in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit evidence and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **20 April 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **20 April 2007** may not be accepted into the administrative record and will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record unless the Regional Board agrees to accept the evidence or comments and if doing so would not prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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.

In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the Order has been sent only to City of Biggs. Interested parties are advised that the full text of the Order is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html> under the heading 'Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Board Meetings.'

Anyone having questions on the Rescission of Order No. 95-080 and Special Order No. 99-056 should contact Greg Cash at (530) 224-3208. The proposed item and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional 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 Regional 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/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by

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contacting any one of the 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.

JAMES C. PEDRI, Assistant Executive Officer