

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078867**  
**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

For

**BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY**  
**POSO CREEK/MCVAN FACILITY**  
**POSO CREEK OIL FIELD**  
**KERN COUNTY**

Berry Petroleum Company (Discharger) owns and operates the Poso Creek/McVan Facility in the Poso Creek Oil Field, Kern County, California and discharges treated oilfield production water to a tributary of Poso Creek, a water of the United States. The Regional Water Board will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0078867 to authorize continued discharge. The Permit will be considered at a public hearing concerning this matter during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 21/22 June 2007  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, California

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Regional Water Board
- Berry Petroleum Company

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 Water Board no later than **7 May 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 such comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **7 May 2007**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **7 May 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

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

Anyone having questions on the proposed permit renewal action should contact Mr. Dane Mathis at (559) 488-4287. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California, 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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/index.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) 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-Rizzarda 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.

  
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LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

5 April 2007