

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Consideration of a Cease and Desist Order
for

CITY OF COLFAX
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLACER COUNTY

The City of Colfax owns and operates a sewage collection system and wastewater treatment plant, and provides sewerage service to the City of Colfax. The wastewater treatment plant includes a storage reservoir to hold excess treated or partially treated flows. The storage reservoir is unlined, has approximately 69,000,000 gallons of storage capacity, and is constructed over bedrock in an area of several natural springs.

Seepage from the reservoir has occurred since its initial use in 1979. The facility previously discharged treated domestic wastewater and storm water to land and treated seepage wastewater from the storage reservoir to an unnamed tributary to Smuthers Ravine, a water of the United States. However, due to concerns over pathogens and/or chlorine in the seepage discharges, the Discharger modified its treatment system and proposed to place a liner in the storage reservoir to prevent further wastewater seepage. The Discharger has not yet dewatered the storage reservoir for installation of a liner. Installation of a liner will not prevent further groundwater seepage under the liner, but it would prevent further wastewater seepage. Although the discharger currently captures seepage at the base of the dam and returns it to the storage reservoir, it is possible that wastewater seepage bypasses this collection system or occurs at other locations and discharges to surface water in violation of its NPDES permit. A Cease and Desist Order is proposed to require measures be taken to prevent further seepage of wastewater.

A public hearing concerning the tentative Cease and Desist Order will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 21/22 June 2007
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff
- City of Colfax Representative(s)
- Edwards Family Farm Representative(s)
- Friends of the North Fork Representative(s)

Only designated parties will have the right to (1) call and examine witnesses, (2) introduce exhibits, (3) cross-examine opposing witnesses, (4) impeach any witness, and/or (5) 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 **15 June 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 testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **15 June 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **15 June 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

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 tentative Cease and Desist Order should contact Dr. Dave Carlson at (916) 464-4836 or dcarlson@waterboards.ca.gov. The tentative Order and related documents may be downloaded from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, 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/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/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 five 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.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.

Original signed by Kenneth D. Landau

KENNETH D. LANDAU
Assistant Executive Officer

4 June 2007