

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079529**  
**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**  
for

**CITY OF COLFAX**  
**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**PLACER COUNTY**

The City of Colfax (Discharger) owns and operates a municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant that provides sewerage service for the community of the City of Colfax and serves a population of approximately 1,800. The facility previously discharged treated domestic wastewater and storm water to land and seepage wastewater from a storage pond to an unnamed tributary of the Smuthers Ravine, a tributary of the North Fork American River. To comply with Order No. 5-01-180 (NPDES number CA0079529) and Cease and Desist Order No. 5-01-181, the discharger ceased discharges to land and installed an interim tertiary treatment system. The tentative NPDES permit renewal of Order No. 5-01-180 authorizes a year round surface water discharge of the wastewater flows and proposes several new effluent limitations. The Discharger is in the process of funding design and construction of a final tertiary treatment plant.

A public hearing concerning the tentative NPDES permit 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)

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 **25 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 and/or the tentative NPDES permit 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 NPDES permit should contact Dr. Dave Carlson at (916) 464-4836 or [dcarlson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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/](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](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-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 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.

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*

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KENNETH D. LANDAU  
Assistant Executive Officer

**14 May 2007**