

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES NO. CA0078581)
ADOPTION OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO THE WATER QUALITY
CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF TEMPERATURE
IN THE COASTAL AND INTERSTATE WATERS
AND ENCLOSED BAYS AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA**

FOR

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
CENTRAL PLANT OPERATIONS, HEATING AND COOLING FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The California Department of General Services owns and operates a Heating and Cooling Facility as part of its Central Plant Operations. The Facility provides heating and cooling to downtown State office buildings and, as a result, discharges non-contact cooling water from a spray header into the Sacramento River. The sources of cooling water to the Facility are obtained from a Ranney Collector beneath the Sacramento River, Front Street Well, P Street Well, and, on an emergency basis, from the City of Sacramento municipal water distribution system. No chemicals are added to the supply water, which is used in a once-through system to re-condense refrigerant and carry away unwanted heat. Non-contact cooling water is discharged to the Sacramento River, a water of the United States.

The proposed Order includes new effluent limitations for manganese, arsenic, aluminum, iron, copper, chlorine residual, electrical conductivity, dichlorobromomethane and dibromochloromethane. The Discharger may be unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for aluminum and copper. Therefore, compliance time schedules are established in the Order for aluminum and copper. The Discharger may also be unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for iron. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed to provide interim limitations for iron and a time schedule for compliance.

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

DATE: June 21/22, 2007
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- California Department of General Services Staff

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 Board no later than **13 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.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on **18 April 2007**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **22 May 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **22 May 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 proposed Orders should contact James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents 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-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.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

18 April 2007