

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. CA0004804)**

FOR

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
MOCCASIN CREEK FISH HATCHERY
TUOLUMNE COUNTY**

California Department of Fish and Game owns and operates the Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery. The fish hatchery has 48 rearing ponds and eight raceways. Approximately 360,000 pounds of harvested trout fish (400,000 pounds maximum) are processed annually. The maximum feeding is 70,000 pounds of fish food during the month of April.

Wastes generated at the Facility include fish fecal material, unconsumed fish food, nutrients, algae, silt, chemicals and therapeutic agents used to treat fish and control disease. Chemicals currently used at the Facility include sodium chloride (salt) and oxytetracycline (Terramycin®), as needed. The Discharger has requested the use of penicillin G, florfenicol, amoxicillin trihydrate, erythromycin, Romet-30, MS-222, carbon dioxide gas, sodium bicarbonate, Aqwi-S, PVP Iodine, formalin, hydrogen peroxide, potassium permanganate, copper sulfate, sodium chloride, acetic acid, and chloramine-T. These drugs and chemicals are to be used occasionally and in quantity directly relating to weight of fish and eggs treated. Wastewater is discharged to Moccasin Creek, a water of the United States that is tributary to Don Pedro Reservoir and the Tuolumne River.

The proposed Order includes new effluent limitations for pH, copper and formaldehyde.

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 Fish and Game 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 Ms. Jennifer Watts at (916) 464-4795. 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.

Original Signed by Kenneth Landau

18 April 2007

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer