

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

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0079219)
for

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
CITY OF MERCED
MERCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
MERCED COUNTY**

The City of Merced (Discharger) owns and operates the Merced Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works in Merced County. The Facility discharges to Hartley Slough, an indirect tributary to the San Joaquin River, under Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-00-246 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079219). The tentative WDRs include new interim and final effluent limitations for California Toxic Rule constituents and a time schedule for the Discharger to implement tertiary treatment. The tentative WDRs also authorize an increase in discharge flow from 10 mgd to 20 mgd to accommodate the City's planned growth.

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

DATE: **13/14 March 2008**
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:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- City of Merced

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 **11 February 2008**. 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 shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than

by noon on **11 February 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after noon on **11 February 2008** 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 Order should contact Mr. W. Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190. Interested parties may download the proposed Order 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 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/. 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 Regional Water 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.

Loren J. Harlow, Assistant Executive Officer

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