

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
(NPDES NO. CA0079430)
AND
ADOPTION OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
FOR
MARIPOSA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
MARIPOSA COUNTY**

Mariposa Public Utility District owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility. The Discharger is authorized to discharge up to 610,000 gallons a day of disinfected secondary-treated wastewater to Mariposa Creek, a water of the United States. The discharge to Mariposa Creek is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2007-0171 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079430), which includes final effluent limitations for several California Toxics Rule constituents, and a compliance schedule to provide tertiary level treatment and comply with final effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and total coliform by 4 December 2017.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of WDRs renewing the NPDES permit and a Time Schedule Order (TSO). The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit includes new final effluent limitations for ammonia (as N), chlorodibromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite (as N), total trihalomethanes, and chronic toxicity. The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit carries over the final effluent limitations for copper, zinc, dichlorobromomethane, and also carries over the compliance schedule and requirement to provide tertiary-level treatment and comply with the final effluent limitations for BOD, TSS, and total coliform by 4 December 2017. The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for chlorodibromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite (as N), total trihalomethanes, and with the existing final effluent limitations for dichlorobromomethane. A tentative TSO is included to provide a time schedule for compliance with the new effluent limitations for chlorodibromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite (as N), and total trihalomethanes. The tentative TSO rescinds TSO R5-2011-0905, but carries over the time schedule for dichlorobromomethane in TSO R5-2011-0905.

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

DATE: 27/28 March 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- Mariposa Public Utility District

Designated parties, but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **21 February 2014**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO were issued on 21 January 2014. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5 p.m. on 21 February 2014**. Testimony, evidence, and/or written comments submitted after **5 p.m. on 21 February 2014** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff, or others at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit or tentative TSO should contact Aide Ortiz at (559) 445-6083 or at aortiz@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit, tentative TSO, and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2014 at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the hearing will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO.

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 Central Valley 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/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

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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.



CLAY L. RODGERS, Assistant Executive Officer

21 January 2014