

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. CA0079189)  
AND  
ADOPTION OF A NEW TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
FOR  
CITY OF VISALIA  
WATER CONSERVATION PLANT  
TULARE COUNTY**

The City of Visalia owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility. The Discharger is authorized to discharge up to 20 million gallons per day of disinfected secondary-treated wastewater to Mill Creek, a water of the United States. The Discharger is also authorized to discharge secondary-treated wastewater to on-site disposal ponds and to recycle secondary-treated wastewater to an on-site use area. The discharges are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2006-0091 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079189).

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of WDRs renewing the NPDES permit and adoption of a Time Schedule Order (TSO). The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit includes new final effluent limitations for un-ionized ammonia (as N) and copper. The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit also includes a compliance schedule for the Discharger to complete proposed Facility upgrades to cease discharge to Mill Creek. The City is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for un-ionized ammonia (as N) and copper. A TSO is proposed to provide a time schedule for compliance with the new effluent limitations for un-ionized ammonia (as N) and copper.

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

DATE: 5/6 June 2014  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control  
1120 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- City of Visalia

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 **18 April 2014**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party, and, in particular, how the person is affected by the discharge.

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The tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO will be available no later than 19 March 2014. Persons wishing to comment on these items must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5 p.m. on 18 April 2014**. Testimony, evidence, and/or written comments submitted after **5 p.m. on 18 April 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](mailto:aortiz@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board Board's Internet website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](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 documents will be available no later than 19 March 2014.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/#2014](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/](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](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.

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

14 March 2014