

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0077747)**

**FOR**

**CHESTER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

**CHESTER SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

**PLUMAS COUNTY**

The Chester Public Utility District (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant (Facility) in the community of Chester, Plumas County. The wastewater treatment system consists of a bar screen, flow measurement device, and six stabilization ponds connected in series. Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to Lake Almanor, a water of the United States or Discharge Point 002, a series of four constructed wetland ponds on the Discharger's property. The discharge is regulated under an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Regional Water Quality Control Board adopt the tentative NPDES permit to regulate discharge from the Facility.

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

DATE: 18/19 February 2016  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Water Board
- Chester 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 **5:00 pm on 11 January 2016**. 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 Order was issued on **10 December 2015**. 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 **5:00 pm on 11 January 2016**. Written materials submitted after this date and time 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 Central Valley 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. 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 Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Zack Chandler at (530) 224-4206, or at [zack.chandler@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:zack.chandler@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water 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 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/)

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, § 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code § 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

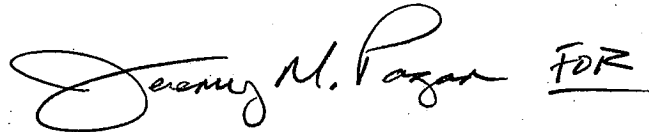
Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at

[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 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.



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