

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NPDES NO. CA0079103)**

For

**CITY OF MODESTO  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY  
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

The City of Modesto is the owner and operator of the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works which consists of a primary treatment facility located at 1221 Sutter Avenue and a tertiary treatment facility located at 7007 Jennings Road, Modesto, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the City of Modesto, the community of Empire, and a portion of the City of Ceres, serving a population of approximately 256,000 people. The Facility currently provides tertiary treatment for up to 14.9 million gallons per day (MGD), with plans to expand the capacity to 19.1 MGD. Tertiary treated disinfected wastewater from the Facility is discharged to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States.

Discharges to the San Joaquin River from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2012-0031, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 7 June 2012. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The proposed permit removes effluent limitations for aluminum, chronic toxicity, copper, iron, manganese, and molybdenum because the discharge does not demonstrate reasonable potential to cause or contribute to instream exceedances of the applicable water quality objectives.

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

DATE: 8/9 June 2017  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Modesto Representatives

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 Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 10 April 2017**. 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 Central Valley Water Board via email to

**RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **10 April 2017**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m.** on **10 April 2017** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will 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 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 regarding the hearing item should contact Tyson Pelkofer at (916) 464-4853 or [tyson.pelkofer@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:tyson.pelkofer@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative 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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all 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, 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.

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ANDREW ALTEVOGT FOR**

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ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

10 March 2017