

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER
AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER R5-2014-0070-02 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079138)**

**FOR
CITY OF STOCKTON
REGIONAL WASTEWATER CONTROL FACILITY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

The City of Stockton (Discharger) owns and operates the Stockton Regional Wastewater Control Facility (Facility), a publicly-owned treatment works. The Facility provides tertiary level wastewater treatment, including ammonia removal using nitrifying biotowers and tertiary filtration with chlorine disinfection. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2014-0070-02 authorizing the Facility to discharge up to a daily average flow of 55 million gallons per day of tertiary disinfected municipal wastewater to the San Joaquin River, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

On 16 February 2017, the Discharger requested the amendment of Order R5-2014-0070-02 to remove San Joaquin River flow monitoring requirements based on cost of compliance considerations. The San Joaquin River flow monitoring requirement was originally included in the Discharger's 2002 NPDES permit (R5-2002-0083). At the time, the Discharger was planning to request mixing zones and the flow data was needed for near-field mixing zone analyses. The Facility has since been upgraded to tertiary filtration with ammonia removal, which provides an increased level of treatment such that near-field mixing zones are no longer needed. San Joaquin flow data is not needed to evaluate compliance with the permit and there are no other analyses that would rely on the data. Therefore, an order is proposed to amend Order R5-2014-0070-02 to remove the San Joaquin River flow monitoring requirement.

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: Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Stockton 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 26 May 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 to the Central Valley Water Board via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m. on 26 May 2017**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **26 May 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 Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Jim Marshall at (916) 464-4772 or James.Marshall@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/. 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/ 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/. 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.

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

ADAM W. LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

25 April 2017