

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Modification of Waste Discharge Requirements
for

**GLENN SPRINGS HOLDING COMPANY
FORMER OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL COMPANY
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS PERMIT REVISION
LATHROP FACILITY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Occidental Chemical Company (OCC) retains the liability for implementing remedial actions at the Former Best Fertilizer Company (Site). OCC is managing remediation activities through Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc. (GSHI). OCC and GSHI currently discharges treated groundwater from its Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System (GETS) into three deep injection wells that are completed below the Corcoran Clay, located approximately 270 to 305 feet below ground surface (bgs). Contaminants of concern (COCs) associated with OCC's past operations at the Site include the pesticides 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP) and ethylene dibromide (EDB), as well as the solvent 2,3,4,5-tetrahydrothiophene-1,1-dioxide, commonly known as sulfolane, which was used for cleaning process equipment at the Site. 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), which is typically associated with facilities involved in DBCP production, has also been detected in groundwater beneath the Site. Groundwater beneath the Site and its vicinity is also contaminated with sulfate, nitrate, chloride, lindane, and isomers of benzene hexachloride (BHC).

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will consider several modifications of the previous Waste Discharge Requirements. The main modifications include:

- updated discharge specifications of the treated groundwater
- updated sulfolane effluent limits
- incorporating effluent limits for total dissolved solids and nitrate
- increased injection limit of treated groundwater below the Corcoran Clay
- updated compliance monitoring, and GETS monitoring requirements

These changes will allow OCC and GSHI to extract additional water to control the contaminant plumes they are required to cleanup.

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

DATE: 10/11 December 2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Online Meeting

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In accordance with Executive Orders suspending certain provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted as an online meeting only. Please visit our website for information on [How to participate in online meetings](#) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/).

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc.

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 2 December 2020**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The Tentative Permit was issued for a 30-day public comment period on **2 November 2020** and comments are due by **5:00 p.m. on 2 December 2020**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 2 December 2020** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any person 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 Sid Sewalia at (916) 464-4658 or siddarth.sewalia@waterboards.ca.gov. Contact Sid Sewalia to obtain a copy of the tentative Order and related documents. 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](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available 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.

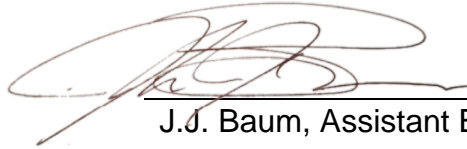
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The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

[Information on Meeting and Hearing Procedures](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janelle Brown at (916) 464-4745.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janelle Brown at (916) 464-4745 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.



J.J. Baum, Assistant Executive Officer