

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. CA0078891)**

**FOR THE**

**CITY OF RED BLUFF**

**RED BLUFF WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PLANT**

**TEHAMA COUNTY**

The City of Red Bluff (Discharger) owns the Red Bluff Wastewater Reclamation Plant (Facility) and discharges up to 2.5 million gallons per day (average dry weather flow) of treated wastewater into the Sacramento River, a water of the United States. The Facility is contract-operated by Inframark Water Infrastructure Operations. The treatment system consists of influent screening, aerated grit removal, primary sedimentation, activated sludge treatment, secondary clarification, filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination with sodium bisulfite. Treated effluent is discharged to the Sacramento River through a 30-inch-diameter open-ended concrete coated steel pipe. Aerobically digested waste sludge and raw sludge is pumped into one of three storage basins, dried onsite via solar radiation/evaporation, and the resulting biosolids are hauled to the Tehama County and City of Red Bluff Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill for final disposal. The discharge of wastewater from the Facility is regulated under existing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2013-0044, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. CA0078891. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Central Valley Water Board adopt the tentative NPDES permit to regulate discharge from the Facility.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 31 May, 1 June 2018  
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 party for this hearing is as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Water Board
- City of Red Bluff

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 Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 7 April 2018**. 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 **8 March 2018**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 7 April 2018**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Regional Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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 Regional Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Regional Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Orders should contact Jeremy Pagan at (530) 224-4850. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders 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 Regional 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 Central Valley Water 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 Regional 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 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 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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