

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Concerning

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER R5-2010-0059 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0083143) AND TIME
SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2010-0060-01
FOR
SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY
MINERS RANCH WATER TREATMENT PLANT
BUTTE COUNTY**

The South Feather Water and Power Agency's (hereinafter Discharger) Miners Ranch Water Treatment Plant (hereinafter Facility), located in Butte County, is regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order R5-2010-0059 (NPDES Permit No. CA0083143), adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 27 May 2010, and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2010-0060-01, adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 27 May 2010 and amended on 31 July 2015.

The Facility is no longer operating as described in WDR Order R5-2010-0059 and TSO R5-2010-0060-01 and has ceased discharging to surface water since 30 November 2017. The Discharger has implemented a permanent backwash recycle system that completely recycles all filter backwash wastewater to eliminate surface water discharge. The backwash recycle system was part of a larger construction project that was completed to allow greater water treatment capacity and eliminate surface water discharge. The Discharger provided a detailed plan set including design criteria for the construction project and removed the existing outfall from the Facility, which provides assurance that a surface water discharge is not likely to occur following rescission of WDR Order R5-2010-0059 and TSO R5-2010-0060-01. A site inspection was also completed on 15 February 2018 to observe construction improvements related to the backwash recycle system and verify the outfall had been removed.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider rescinding WDR Order R5-2010-0059 and TSO R5-2010-0060-01. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 31 May – 1 June 2018
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Dr #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- South Feather Water and Power Agency

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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 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 5 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.

Notification for the planned rescission of waste discharge requirements was issued on **6 March 2018**. 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 p.m. on 5 April 2018**. 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 Mike Nilsen at (530) 224-4853, or at michael.nilsen@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 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

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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.

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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 Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/

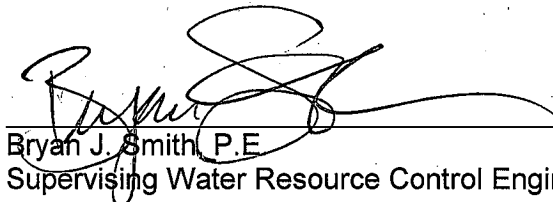
Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at

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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.



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