

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Concerning  
**RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2015-0114**  
**FOR**  
**SIERRA NEVADA CHEESE COMPANY**  
**GLENN COUNTY**

Sierra Nevada Cheese Company (Discharger) owns and operates the Sierra Nevada Cheese production facility (Facility) and associated wastewater treatment system. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2007-0043 (WDRs) regulates the discharge of treated cheese production wastewater to land for disposal. On 27 August 2015, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Cease and Desist (CDO) Order R5-2015-0114 to require the Discharger to cease discharging in violation of WDRs, which include the bypass of treated or partially treated wastewater, objectionable odors, lack of sufficient dissolved oxygen in ponds, and failure to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements. On 3 January 2018, Central Valley Water Board staff received notification that the Discharger has fully complied with CDO R5-2015-0114.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider rescinding Cease and Desist Order R5-2015-0114. A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: **5/6 April 2018**  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 "E" Street  
Fresno, CA 93607-2007

The designated party(s) for this hearing is as follows:

- Sierra Nevada Cheese Company

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 Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on 9 March 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 notification for the Planned Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements was issued on **2 February 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 9 March 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 Valerie Rasmussen at (530) 224-6130, or by email at [valerie.rasmussen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:valerie.rasmussen@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional 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 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:

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/)

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(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 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/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

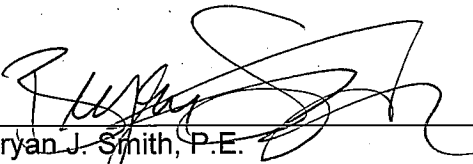
Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at:

[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-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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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