

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
AND  
TENTATIVE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER  
FOR  
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA BEET SUGAR COOPERATIVE,  
SPRECKELS SUGAR COMPANY, INC.,  
AND MEYERS FARMING LLC  
FORMER SPRECKELS MENDOTA FACILITY  
FRESNO COUNTY

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Tentative Waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) are under consideration for the former Spreckels Mendota Facility in Fresno County. The WDRs and CAO address closure, post-closure maintenance, and cleanup and abatement of wastes discharged at the facility. The tentative WDRs and CAO are issued to Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative; Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc.; and Meyers Farming LLC (Dischargers), for the facility.

Further information about the facility and the proposed requirements can be found in the Information Sheet and the tentative WDRs that are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 5, 6 April 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
1685 "E" Street, Fresno, CA 93706

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative
- Spreckels Sugar Company, Inc.
- Meyers Farming LLC

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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 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 Board no later than **5 p.m. on 1 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.

Tentative waste discharge requirements for the facility were issued for public comment on **30 January 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 by 5:00 p.m. on **1 March 2018**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date 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 Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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 these tentative revised WDRs and CAO for the former Spreckels Mendota Facility should contact Stephen Klein at (559) 445-5558. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at

[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 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/)

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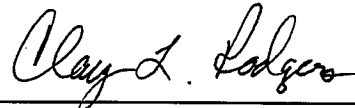
Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at

[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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Clay L. Rodgers, Assistant Executive Officer

30 January 2018