

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

STANISLAUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
FINK ROAD LANDFILL
CLASS II AND CLASS III LANDFILLS
OPERATION, CONSTRUCTION, MONITORING, CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE
MAINTENANCE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION
STANISLAUS COUNTY

The Fink Road Landfill (Facility) is a 203-acre municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill located near the Interstate 5 freeway about 3.5 miles west of Crows Landing. The Facility has been in operation since 1971, accepting primarily household wastes from communities in western Stanislaus County. The Facility also accepts boiler ash from an adjacent, offsite waste-to-energy (WTE) plant operated by Covanta Stanislaus Inc. The boiler ash consists primarily of incinerated MSW and imported wastes from high technology companies in the Silicon Valley about 45 miles west of the site.

The Facility includes one closed landfill unit (LF-1), two active landfill units (LF-2 & LF-3), and two classified surface impoundments (SI-1 and SI-2). LF-2, a lined (Class III) MSW landfill unit, has been in operation since 1993. Leachate from LF-2 is discharged to SI-2. LF-3, a lined (Class II) non-MSW landfill unit, has been in operation since 1988 accepting only boiler ash. Leachate from LF-3 is discharged to SI-1.

In 1991, a release consisting of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and mildly elevated inorganic constituents was detected in groundwater downgradient of unlined unit LF-1. VOCs detected consisted primarily of chlorinated VOCs, Freon compounds, and BTEX. Corrective action measures implemented to address the release have included closure of the unit and the installation of landfill gas controls. Since the implementation of these actions, the concentrations of VOCs detected downgradient of LF-1 have declined to low to non-detect levels.

Further information about the facility and the proposed requirements can be found in the Findings and Information Sheet of the tentative WDRs available on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders](#) website at:

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

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

DATE: 4-5 June 2020
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

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 2 May 2020**. 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 **1 April 2020**. 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 2 May 2020**. 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 for the Fink Road Landfill should contact John Moody at (916) 464-4641, or by email at John.Moody@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's [Tentative Orders](#) website at: (https://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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 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 [Laws and Regulations](#) governing these procedures may be obtained by accessing:

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

Information on [meeting and hearing procedures](#) is also available on the Board's website at:

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.html)

or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi via email at:

kiran.lanfranchi-rizzardi@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone 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.

Original signed by

Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer

1 April 2020