

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT CA0081621
FOR
DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
NEVADA COUNTY**

The Donner Summit Public Utility District is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works located at 53823 Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the Donner Summit Public Utility District, the Norden and Soda Springs areas, the Sugar Bowl and Soda Springs ski resorts, the Serene Lakes subdivision, the Sierra Lakes County Water District, and Cal Trans rest areas, and serves a population of approximately 2,000. The Facility provides tertiary treatment for up to an average dry weather flow of 0.52 million gallons per day (MGD). Tertiary-treated wastewater from the Facility is discharged to the South Yuba River, a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2015-0068-01, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 4 June 2015, and amended by Order R5-2017-0114 on 8 December 2017. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The proposed permit includes new or updated effluent limits for ammonia nitrogen, electrical conductivity, copper, lead, nickel, silver, zinc, pH, and nitrate plus nitrite. The proposed permit will remove existing effluent limits for manganese, maximum daily effluent limits for biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids, and mass-based effluent limits for ammonia nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids. Removal of these limits will not result in an increase in the pollutants or in the degradation of the receiving water.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 22/23 April 2021
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Online

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Donner Summit Public Utility District Representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such 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 p.m. on 12 March 2021**. The request must

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explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on 12 March 2021**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 12 March 2021** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated 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.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact David Kirn at: (916) 464-4761 or david.kirn@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The [Final Meeting Agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. [Information on Meeting and Hearing Procedures](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to the Central Valley Water Board Office at (916) 464-3291.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291 at least 10 business 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.

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

10 February 2021