

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

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0081485

AND

SPECIAL ORDER RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 97-107
FOR

**CUTLER-OROSI JOINT POWERS WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
TULARE COUNTY**

The Cutler-Orosi Joint Powers Wastewater Authority (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment, and disposal facility (WWTF), and serves the communities of Cutler, Orosi, East Orosi, Yettem, Seville, and Sultana. The WWTF discharges treated wastewater under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Sand Creek, a water of the United States, and on 106 acres of Discharger owned land. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0081485 to authorize continued discharge. The proposed permit contains new effluent limitations for California Toxic Rule constituents, ammonia, biochemical oxygen demand, and total suspended solids. It also contains additional and increased monitoring, and increased reporting. In addition, the proposed permit requires the Discharger to examine the existing operations and maintenance procedures and sludge management procedures, conduct hydrogeologic investigations, and perform studies necessary to implement numerical groundwater limitations.

Cease and Desist Order No. 97-107 (CDO) required the Discharger to refurbish specific treatment units to increase WWTF capacity to 2.0 mgd. The Discharger has complied with the CDO, and the Regional Water Board will consider a special order to rescind it.

The Regional Water Board will consider the proposed permit and special order at a public hearing concerning these matters during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: **21/22 September 2006**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for the hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Regional Water Board
- Cutler-Orosi Joint Powers Wastewater Authority

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 Board no later than **28 August 2006**. The request must 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 items must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **28 August 2006**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **28 August 2006** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative records if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional 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 on the proposed adoption of NPDES Permit No. CA0081485 should contact Margarita Gordus at (559) 445-6046. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. 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 Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water 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/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka 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.

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Originally Signed By

Loren J. Harlow, Assistant Executive Officer

25 July 2006