

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. CA0079197

FOR

**CITY OF ATWATER
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
MERCED COUNTY**

The City of Atwater owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system (WWTF), and provides municipal sewerage service to the City of Atwater (population 23,000), Castle Aviation and Development Center, and the unincorporated community of Winton (population 11,000). The WWTF discharges disinfected secondary-treated wastewater under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Atwater Drain, a water of the United States. Veolia Water North America – West, LLC operates the WWTF. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0079197 to authorize continued discharge. The proposed permit contains new effluent limitations for California Toxic Rule constituents, ammonia, chlorine residual, nitrite, nitrate, oil and grease, and turbidity and requires the City of Atwater to upgrade its treatment system to tertiary treatment to protect the uses of the Atwater Drain. It also requires the City to evaluate whether the WWTF's sludge handling facilities have adversely impacted groundwater and implement corrective measures, if necessary.

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

DATE: **7/8 December 2006**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Regional Water Board
- City of Atwater
- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

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 **17 November 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 item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **17 November 2006**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **17 November 2006** 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 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. CA0079197 should contact Matt Scroggins at (559) 445-6042. 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. 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.

Original Signed By

Loren J. Harlow, Assistant Executive Officer

12 October 2006