

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**INTERIM AMMONIA LIMITS  
CONSIDERATION OF ORDER AMENDING  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2010-0114-02  
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0077682)  
FOR  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Discharger) owns and operates the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Discharger provides wastewater treatment service to the Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, West Sacramento, and the Sacramento Area Sewer District. The Sacramento Area Sewer District service area includes the Cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, and portions of the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. The population served is approximately 1.3 million people. The Facility is permitted to discharge 181 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to the Sacramento River within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

On 9 December 2010, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0114 (NPDES Permit) which was subsequently amended on 1 December 2011 and 4 October 2013. The NPDES Permit includes new effluent limitations for ammonia and a compliance schedule to meet the new limitations by 9 May 2021. The Discharger is required to meet interim performance-based limitations for ammonia until compliance with the final limitations.

Installation of water meters and calls for water conservation have resulted in decreasing influent wastewater flows to the Facility. With decreasing influent wastewater flows, influent ammonia concentrations have been observed to steadily increase. The current Facility is not designed to remove ammonia, so increased influent ammonia concentrations have resulted in increased effluent concentrations. The Discharger has implemented all feasible controls to limit the discharge of ammonia, but has recently experienced violations of the interim ammonia effluent limitations. Since the ammonia concentration increases are outside the control of the Discharger, the proposed amendment revises the interim ammonia limitations based on a recalculation that takes into account the effects of decreasing influent flow due to water conservation.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 7/8 August 2014  
TIME: 9:00 AM  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation 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 30 June 2014**. 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 shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 30 June 2014**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 30 June 2014** 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 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 on the proposed Order should contact Kathleen Harder at (916) 464-4778 or [kharder@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kharder@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at [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 will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) 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 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. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water 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 Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda 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-Rizzarda 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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Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer  
27 May 2014