

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0083828),
for

**CITY OF ALTURAS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
MODOC COUNTY**

The City of Alturas owns and operates a 0.5 mgd wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, which provides sewerage service to the city of Alturas. Treated effluent is discharged to the Pit River at a point immediately downstream from the North and South Forks. Upgrades are under construction that will increase the level of treatment provided by the WWTP to comply with these Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). Upon completion of the upgrades, the WWTP will consist of influent screening, primary clarification, trickling filter, secondary clarification, disinfection (chlorination/dechlorination), and sludge drying beds. The upgrades are required to be fully in place and operating by 15 November 2007. This Permit requires the upgraded WWTP effluent to comply with recommendations of the California Department of Health Services regarding discharge of treated municipal wastewater to streams with limited dilution. Interim limits for copper, zinc and total coliform are included. Compliance with final effluent limits for copper and zinc is required by 18 May 2010 and for the final coliform limits by 15 November 2008. The Discharger was issued Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2003-0128 on 5 September 2003, requiring compliance with the effluent limits for total coliform bacteria and storage and disposal of sludge in a manner consistent with Title 27 CCR. The improvements and effluent limits required in this Permit will insure compliance with Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2003-0128, and the Cease and Desist order will be rescinded.

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

DATE: 21 and 22 September 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Water Board
- City of Alturas

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 **20 September 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 testimony, evidence, and or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **20 September 2006**. Written testimony, evidence, or comments submitted after **20 September 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 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 this issue should contact Jim Rohrbach at (530) 224-3213, or Bryan Smith at (530) 226-3425. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. The proposed item and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Central Valley 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 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/water_laws/index.html. 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_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.

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

James C. Pedri, P.E.
Assistant Executive Officer

18 August 2006