

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

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RESCISSION OF CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. R5-2006-0111
FOR
COFFEE PETROLEUM, INC.
COFFEE LEASE
ROUND MOUNTAIN OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY**

Coffee Petroleum, Inc. (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates the Coffee Lease in the Pyramid-Coffee Canyon Area of the Round Mountain Oil Field in Kern County, approximately six miles northeast of the City of Bakersfield. The Discharger owns and operates crude oil production wells at the Coffee Lease. Four unlined surface impoundments were previously used for the disposal of non-hazardous oilfield production wastewater by evaporation and percolation.

Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R5-2006-0111 (CAO) was issued based on violations by the Discharger of the *Interim Water Quality Control Policy for Ground and Surface Waters in the Poso Creek Subarea* (Resolution No. 71-122) and the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition – 1995* (Basin Plan) for discharging wastewater with salinity levels exceeding the numerical salinity limitations prescribed in Resolution No. 71-122 and the Basin Plan.

The Discharger has complied with the actions required by the CAO by ceasing the discharge of wastewater and closing the sumps. The CAO required, and the Discharger has submitted a Compliance Plan, Compliance Report, Sump Closure Plan, and Closure Certification Report. Wastewater is conveyed to a Class II injection disposal well permitted by the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources. Therefore, it is appropriate for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to rescind Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R5-2006-0111.

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

DATE: 31 July / 1 Aug 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Board Room
11020 Sun Center Dr., #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Regional Water Board Staff
- Coffee Petroleum, Inc. Representatives

Only designated parties will have the following 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 Regional Water Board no later than **14 July 2008**. 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, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **14 July 2008**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **14 July 2008** 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 Regional Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the rescission of the CAO should contact Mr. Douglas Wachtell at (559) 445-5114 or dwachtell@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed rescission Order from the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decissions/tentative_orders/index.shtml. Copies of the document 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 are 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/. 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 Regional Water 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

26 June 2008