

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (NPDES No. CA0077747)
AND RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R5-2004-0051
AND ADOPTION OF NEW CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
FOR
CHESTER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
CHESTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLUMAS COUNTY**

The Chester Public Utility District (Discharger) owns and operates the Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant, which provides treatment for up to 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of domestic wastewater from the community of Chester. The Facility discharges secondary treated wastewater to Lake Almanor, a water of the United States, but only from 1 October to 31 May.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES permit, proposing new or more restrictive effluent limitations for BOD, TSS, ammonia, pH, and copper. The Discharger is able to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations except of those for effluent coliform and percentage removal of BOD and total suspended solids. The Regional Water Board will also consider rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2004-0051 and adoption of a new Cease and Desist Order due to the above mentioned compliance problems.

On 23 April 1989, the Regional Water Board adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 89-069, which required the Discharger to address Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) problems at the treatment plant. That Order was rescinded on 23 April 2004 and replaced by Order R5-2004-0051. The Discharger has been repairing sewer lines responsible for the I/I, but must continue with repairs to complete sewer system renovation. The new cease and desist order better reflects current conditions at the treatment plant and in the new NPDES permit, and requires that the discharger continue with planned sewer system repair, provide a report that identifies the current portions of the collection system with the worst Infiltration/Inflow problems, and submit annual reports on repair progress.

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

DATE: 13/14 August 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Regional Water Board Staff
- Chester Public Utility 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 Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 15 July 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on 11 June 2009. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 15 July 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 15 July 2009** 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 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 Chester Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant should contact Ron Dykstra by telephone at (530) 224-4858. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002-0129 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/laws_regulations/.

Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's

website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml

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.

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

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