

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR)
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)**

**PERMIT NO. CA0085146
AND TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
for**

**BEAR VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
ALPINE COUNTY**

The Bear Valley Water District (Discharger) owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), which provides wastewater treatment service for the communities of Bear Valley, Bear Valley Ski Resort, and Lake Alpine/United States Forest Service in Alpine County. The Facility is designed to provide secondary treatment for an average dry weather flow of 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater. The secondary treated wastewater is discharged to Bloods Creek, a tributary to the North Fork Stanislaus River.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider renewal of the Discharger's existing NPDES Permit (WDR Order R5-2005-0139). The Tentative Permit includes new and/or more stringent effluent limitations for aluminum, ammonia, copper, and lead. The Tentative Permit includes a schedule for the Discharger to comply with effluent limitations for aluminum and ammonia, and a Tentative Time Schedule Order includes a schedule for the Discharger to comply with effluent limitations for copper and lead.

The existing NPDES Permit requires tertiary level effluent limitations for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand, total coliform organisms, total suspended solids, and turbidity. However, based on updated information, including a recommendation from the Department of Public Health (DPH) that tertiary treatment is not necessary; the proposed Tentative Permit includes relaxed effluent limitations and permit requirements based on secondary treatment requirements. A Tentative Permit Alternative is provided, however, that would allow the continuation of the tertiary treatment requirements. The Tentative Permit Alternative includes effluent limitations and requirements based on tertiary treatment requirements, and also includes a Tentative Time Schedule Order Alternative that provides compliance schedules for the tertiary treatment requirements.

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

DATE: 3/4/5 August 2011
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Bear Valley Water District

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 **24 June 2011**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

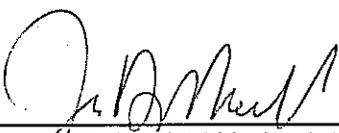
Persons wishing to comment on the noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **24 June 2011**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **24 June 2011** will not be accepted and will not 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 regarding the Tentative Orders should contact Mr. David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 or dwkirn@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents may 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/ 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/. 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 or by contacting any one of the Central Valley 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 five 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 may be interested in this matter.


for KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

23 May 2011