

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER
AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER R5-2016-0020 (NPDES 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 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2016-0020 authorizing the Facility to discharge 181 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to the Sacramento River within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Discharger is currently conducting major facility upgrades known as the EchoWater Project. On 29 March 2018, the Discharger submitted a Programmatic Operations Plan for Effluent Valve Replacement Project (EVR Project). The EVR Project will replace existing effluent valves with new or refurbished valves, in a series of short term disruptions to main plant operations. During each project the Facility will be shut down for up to 48 hours to replace the valves. After the shutdown, the activated sludge system will be stressed for a further 12 days while stored primary effluent or primary influent is returned and the Facility processes are stabilized. Order R5-2016-0020 requires weekly monitoring of acute whole effluent toxicity testing and the Discharger conducts a 96-hour flow through acute bioassay to meet the monitoring requirements. However, during months when the Discharger is implementing the EVR Project, it is infeasible for the Discharger to perform weekly flow-through acute toxicity test. Therefore, an order is proposed to amend Order R5-2016-0020 to suspend weekly acute toxicity test during months when the Discharger is implementing the Project. During such months, the Discharger would be required to perform monthly acute toxicity testing.

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

DATE: 2/3 August 2018
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #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

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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 16 July 2018**. 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 via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m. on 16 July 2018**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 16 July 2018** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated 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 Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Xuan Luo at (916) 464-4606 or Xuan.Luo@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/. 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/ 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-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.

Original Signed By Andrew Altevogt For

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

15 June 2018