

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT NO. CA0081621**

AND

**TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
For the**

**DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
NEVADA COUNTY**

The Donner Summit Public Utilities District (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Donner Summit Public Utilities District Wastewater Treatment Plant, providing residential sewerage service to its service area, including customers in the Norden and Soda Springs areas, the Sugar Bowl and Soda Springs Ski Resorts, the Serene Lakes Subdivision, and the Sierra Lakes Community Water District. The wastewater treatment system includes advanced biological treatment, tertiary filtration, chlorine disinfection and dechlorination. Up to 0.52 million gallons per day of treated effluent is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2002-0088 (NPDES Permit) and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R5-2002-0089. Treated effluent is discharged either to land during dry weather, or to the South Yuba River (a tributary to the Yuba River upstream of the Englebright Reservoir) during wet-weather months. Although not yet implemented, the existing NPDES Permit additionally allows for snowmaking from tertiary treated effluent.

The tentative NPDES Permit renewal proposes new and/or more stringent effluent limitations and implementation of a dilution credit for the existing nitrate effluent limitation and the newly proposed dichlorobromomethane effluent limitation. The tentative CDO proposes a time schedule for the Discharger to comply with new effluent limitations for copper, cyanide and zinc. Also proposed are two tentative NPDES Permit Options, with corresponding CDOs, proposing the exclusion of a dilution credit for nitrate and/or dichlorobromomethane from the tentative NPDES Permit renewal.

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

DATE: 23/24 April 2009
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing include:

- Regional Water Board Staff
- Donner Summit Public Utilities 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 **20 March 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 NPDES Permit and CDO, and tentative Options, were issued on **4 February 2009**. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item, including the tentative Options, shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **6 March 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **6 March 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 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 on the proposed NPDES Permit, CDO and Options contained in the tentative NPDES Permit renewal package should contact Diana Messina at (916) 464-4828. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional 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 Regional 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 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 Water 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.

2 February 2009

Original Signed By

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer