

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
(NPDES NO. CA0079545)
AND
ADOPTION OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
FOR
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
BIG CREEK POWERHOUSE NO. 1
DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
FRESNO COUNTY**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) owns and operates the Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1 Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which serves the community of Big Creek. The WWTP provides tertiary wastewater treatment with ultraviolet light disinfection and discharges to Big Creek, a water of the United States and tributary of San Joaquin River. SCE replaced its WWTP in December 2007 with new heardworks equipment, a membrane bioreactor treatment system, sludge bagging system, and a new ultraviolet light disinfection system. The discharge of treated wastewater is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2005-0156 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079545).

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of WDRs renewing the NPDES permit and a Time Schedule Order (TSO). The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit include new final effluent limitations for aluminum, ammonia (as N), chronic whole effluent toxicity, copper, lead, nitrite plus nitrate (as N), and zinc. The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for aluminum, ammonia (as N), copper, lead, nitrite plus nitrate (as N), and zinc. A TSO is proposed to provide a time schedule for compliance with the new effluent limitations for copper, lead, nitrite plus nitrate (as N), and zinc. A compliance schedule for compliance with the new effluent limitations for aluminum and ammonia (as N) is included in the proposed WDRs/NPDES permit.

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

DATE: 7/8 June 2012
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- Southern California Edison Company

Designated parties, but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is

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submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. 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 **20 April 2012**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO were issued on 20 March 2012. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5 p.m. on 20 April 2012**. Written materials submitted after **5 p.m. on 20 April 2012** 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 hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

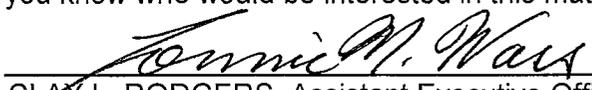
Anyone having questions on the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit or tentative TSO should contact Aide Ortiz at (559) 445-6083 or at aortiz@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit, tentative TSO, and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet 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 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2012 at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the hearing will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO.

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.

for 
CLAY L. RODGERS, Assistant Executive Officer

20 March 2012