



#### **State Water Resources Control Board**

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Dear Messrs. Simmons and Jennings and Mses. Dunham and Aw-Yang:

PETITIONS OF SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT AND CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE (WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2010-0114 [NPDES NO. CA0077682] FOR THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY), CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD: BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATION SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2144(a) and A-2144(b)

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed order in the above-entitled matter. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider this order at its meeting that will be held on *Tuesday*, *September 20* commencing at *9:00 a.m.* in the Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor of the Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. You will separately receive an agenda for this meeting.

At the meeting, interested persons will be allowed to comment orally on the draft order, subject to the following time limits. The petitioners, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will each be allowed five minutes for oral comment, with additional time for questions by the State Water Board members. Other interested persons will be allotted a lesser amount of time to address the State Water Board. At the meeting, the State Water Board may adopt the draft order as written or with revisions, it may decide not to adopt the order, or it may continue consideration until a later meeting.

All comments shall be based solely upon evidence contained in the record or upon legal argument. Supplemental evidence will not be permitted except under the limited circumstances described in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050.6. Written comments on the

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draft order must be received by **September 9, 2011 at noon**. Please indicate in the subject line, *comments to SWRCB/OCC File A-2144(a) and A-2144(b)* — September 20, 2011 Board Meeting. Those comments must be addressed to:

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If there are any questions or comments, please contact James Herink, Staff Counsel, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 341-5150 or email jherink@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**ORDER WQ 2011-**

In the Matter of the Petitions of

# SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT AND CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE

For Review of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2010-0114 [NPDES No. CA0077682]

Issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

**SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2144(a) and A-2144(b)** 

## BY THE BOARD:

On December 9, 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) issued Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2010-0114 [NPDES No. CA0077682] (Permit) to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (District) for its discharges from the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both the District and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) filed timely petitions seeking review of the Permit with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). These petitions were deemed complete and consolidated for review on March 28, 2011.<sup>1</sup>

State Water Board regulations generally require final disposition on petitions within 270 days of the date a petition is deemed complete.<sup>2</sup> If the State Water Board has not made a formal disposition within this time frame, the regulations deem the petition denied. The denial of a petition for review would ordinarily require a petitioner to file any judicial challenge within 30 days of the denial.<sup>3</sup> When the State Water Board anticipates addressing a petition on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2054.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wat. Code, § 13330, subd. (b).

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the merits after the review period passes, it may indicate that it will review the matter on its own motion to avoid unnecessary or premature litigation.

The State Water Board anticipates issuing an order addressing some of the issues raised in the petitions, but not by December 23, 2011. Therefore, the State Water Board has decided to review the Permit on its own motion.4

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the State Water Board will review Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2010-0114 [NPDES No. CA0077682] on its own motion.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Wat. Code, § 13320, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 2050.5, subd. (c).