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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
TENTATIVE ORDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2015-XXXX
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS083526)

FOR

CITY OF MODESTO
STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM
STANISLAUS COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is the tentative Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Modesto (Permittee), Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the proposed Order should be submitted to this office no later than **25 March 2015** in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the meeting of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board). Written material submitted after **25 March 2015** 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 Board Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Valley Water Board to consider adoption of the proposed Order at its **16/17 April 2015** Board Meeting. A Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) concerning the proposed Order is enclosed. Regulations require that the Permittee publish the Notice in the local newspaper for one (1) day. The expense of publication is to be paid by the Permittees. Additionally, regulations require the Permittees post one (1) copy of the Notice at the nearest city hall or county courthouse, one (1) copy at the post office nearest to the Permittees' offices (if allowed), and one (1) copy at the public entrance to the Permittees' offices. Please publish and post the Notice as soon as possible and submit to this office proof of posting, using the enclosed form, and proof of publication by **26 February 2015**. Proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit from the newspaper along with a copy of the published notice.

To conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative Order to the Permittees only. Interested persons may download the documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders. Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Order, please contact Genevieve Sparks at (916) 464-4745 or Genevieve.Sparks@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosures (3): Tentative Order (Permittees Only)
Notice of Public Hearing (Permittees Only)
Proof of Posting Form (Permittees Only)

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