



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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Notification of Public Workshop on
Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
For Wastewater Treatment
Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians
Cache Creek Casino Resort, Brooks, CA

Time: Thursday, May 14, 2009. 6:00 pm

Location: Rumsey Rancheria Community Center
18960 County Road 75A
Brooks, CA 95606

Action: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is in consideration of a new NPDES permit application submitted by the Rumsey Band of Wintun to allow the discharge of treated effluent from the Cache Creek Casino Resort to a tributary of Cache Creek. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is the permitting authority on Tribal lands within the State of California.

Background: Currently, wastewater from the existing resort is treated and disposed of via on-site reuse, groundwater infiltration, and irrigation. The Tribe is currently operating under Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the use of recycled water for irrigation on the Tribe's golf course. A Tribal Environmental Impact Report was completed in September 2008 in connection with the Tribe's plan to expand its resort.. As part of that expansion, the Tribe would expand its existing wastewater treatment system. The proposed expanded wastewater treatment system would be comprised of an immersed membrane bioreactor (MBR), which is a tertiary treatment system similar to an activated sludge treatment plant with the addition of membrane technology. EPA will propose a NPDES permit consistent with federal requirements and the water quality standards for the State of California established in the Water Quality Control Plan ("Basin Plan") for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River.

Purpose of Public Workshop: EPA will host a public workshop to present ideas in its consideration of the requested permit, describe regulatory requirements of the Clean Water Act that will apply to any discharge pursuant to the permit, and describe the public participation process for permit issuance. EPA will solicit advice and will address questions and comments. Additionally, the Tribe will present details of the proposed expansion of the Tribe's wastewater treatment system. Any person who would like to request a reasonable accommodation to attend the public workshop should contact the person listed below prior to the workshop.

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