



Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding

**TENTATIVE ORDER R3-2026-0018
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0005274
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE GRANITE ROCK COMPANY, ARTHUR R. WILSON QUARRY
DISCHARGE TO THE PAJARO RIVER, SAN BENITO COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public comments on the tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the discharge of treated process water and contact stormwater from the Granite Rock Company, Arthur R. Wilson Quarry and will hold a public hearing to propose adoption of the permit. You may download the tentative NPDES permit from the Central Coast Water Board website at the following address:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

The tentative NPDES permit includes new and updated requirements for Granite Rock Company's continued operation of Arthur R. Wilson Quarry, a granite quarry and processing facility in Aromas, San Benito County. The quarry is permitted to discharge up to 9 million gallons per day of wastewater, consisting primarily of treated process water and contact stormwater, to the Pajaro River. The Central Coast Water Board currently regulates the quarry's discharges under Order R3-2017-0027, NPDES Permit CA0005274.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS BY JULY 26, 2026

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board no later than **July 26, 2026**. Please electronically submit comments to:

rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.

Written comments can also be mailed or delivered to:

NPDES Unit
Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

JANE GRAY, CHAIR | RYAN E. LODGE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

All comments received by **July 26, 2026** will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the NPDES permit. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the tentative NPDES permit after **July 26, 2026**, unless the chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by **July 26, 2026**. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 20-21, 2026

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing on **August 20-21, 2026** to consider the issuance of the tentative NPDES permit at the following location:

City of Salinas, City Hall Building
200 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901

The meeting will be held in person and via web and teleconference.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the tentative NPDES permit. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments. Information will be available as part of the meeting agenda, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2026/2026_agendas.html

STAFF CONTACT AND DOCUMENTS

The permit applications, fact sheet, related documents, and all comments received may be downloaded as set forth above, and they are also available for inspection and copying by the public. Please submit any requests to review documents electronically to rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please direct questions pertaining to the tentative NPDES permit to rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov or to Sarah Crable at (805) 549-3706 or sarah.crable@waterboards.ca.gov.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The tentative NPDES permit is available in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language or sign language services, please use one of the following options:

- Submit a Language Services Request online at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/language-access.html

- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

La Junta Regional para el Control de la Calidad del Agua (Regional Water Quality Control Board) está notificándoles a todas aquellas personas interesadas sobre un orden preliminar para la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales de la central eléctrica de Diablo Canyon. Si desea obtener información en español, póngase en contacto con rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.