
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding

**TENTATIVE ORDER R3-2026-0001
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0003751
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

AND

**TENTATIVE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
FOR FEDERAL LICENSE, ORDER 34024WQ31, OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL
FOR DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2**

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 and tentative Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification and hold a public hearing to propose adoption of the order and certification. You may download the tentative NPDES permit and tentative certification 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 and tentative certification include new and updated requirements for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) continued operation of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, a nuclear electric power generation facility in Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo County. The Central Coast Water Board currently regulates the power plant's discharges under Order 90-09, NPDES Permit CA0003751. The power plant is permitted to discharge up to 2.76 billion gallons a day of wastewater, consisting primarily of steam generation cooling water to Diablo Cove, Pacific Ocean.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS BY DECEMBER 8, 2025

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board no later than 5:00 PM on **December 8, 2025**. Please electronically submit comments or questions with the subject line "**Comment Letter, Diablo Canyon Power Plant NPDES and Certification**" to:

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

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

All comments received by that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the NPDES permit and certification. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the tentative NPDES permit or tentative certification after 5:00 PM on **December 8, 2025**, 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 5:00 PM on **December 8, 2025**. 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 FEBRUARY 26-27, 2026

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing on **February 26-27, 2026**, to consider the issuance of the tentative NPDES permit and tentative certification at the following location:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the tentative order or tentative certification. 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 and tentative certification to rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov or to Harvey Packard at (805) 542-4639.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The tentative NPDES permit and tentative certification are 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
- 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.