
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

ORDER R3-2026-0032

GENERAL WAIVER FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF LIMITED-THREAT DISCHARGES

MARCH 11, 2026

Si desea obtener información en español, póngase en contacto con Don Eley al (805) 542-4246

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) is accepting comments and plans to hold a public hearing concerning proposing Order R3-2026-0032, *General Waiver for Specific Type of Limited-Threat Discharges* (2026 General Waiver). As authorized by Water Code section 13269, the 2026 General Waiver conditionally waives waste discharge requirements and the requirement to submit a report of waste discharge for specific types of discharges listed in the 2026 General Waiver, Attachment A, Section A, provided that the associated conditions are met. The listed discharges will not have significant effects on water quality when dischargers comply with the corresponding conditions. The proposed 2026 General Waiver is a revision to Order R3-2024-0035, *General Waiver for Specific Types of Discharges*. No substantive changes were made to the proposed 2026 General Waiver since the most recent update in September 2024. The changes are for clarity and to remove redundancy.

A copy of proposed Order R3-2026-0032 can be found on the Central Coast Water Board's tentative orders page at:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed 2026 General Waiver. The meeting information is provided below:

Meeting: Central Coast Water Board Meeting
Date: April 16-17, 2026
Location: Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Information about participating in the meeting remotely via video or teleconference can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html

The final meeting agenda notice and staff report will be available at least 10 days before the Board meeting at the link below. The agenda notice will provide the specific date this item will be considered during the Board meeting, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board by **April 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Comments should include the subject line “Comment Letter – 2026 General Waiver” and be addressed to:

Central Coast Water Board, Attn: Don Eley
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
email: rb3-dodprogram@waterboards.ca.gov
(805) 542-4626

All comments received prior to **April 10, 2026**, will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments on the proposed order after **April 10, 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 **April 10, 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. Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

Please share this public notice with any persons who would be interested in this matter. Interested persons may also request that the proposed 2026 General Waiver be translated into Spanish, dependent upon available resources. Please submit any questions or requests to **Don Eley at (805) 542-4626, or via email to rb3-dodprogram@waterboards.ca.gov**.