

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**RENEWAL OF GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
(PERMIT CAG995002)**

**FOR**

**LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

Discharges of limited threat wastewater are currently regulated by General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order R5-2016-0076-01 for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (Limited Threat General Order) issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 14 October 2016 and amended on 1 February 2018. The tentative Order proposes to incorporate the Salt Control Program requirements and 2018 United States Environmental Protection Agency National Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum and establish oil and grease technology-based effluent limitations for hydroelectric projects. Dischargers currently enrolled under the Limited Threat General Order would automatically be covered by the renewed General Order.

**Public Hearing Date and Location**

A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18 February 2022  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Cal/EPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; and  
Remote Meeting via Video Teleconference

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings)).

The [final meeting agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) will be

available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the tentative Order.

### **Nature and Purpose of Hearing**

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

### **Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence**

Dischargers currently enrolled under the Limited Threat General Order (Dischargers) are party to this proceeding. As a party, the dischargers must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **23 December 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Interested persons** include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment, in writing, on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **23 December 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov).

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

### **Visual Presentations**

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the below Central Valley Water Board Contact by 12:00 p.m. on **15 February 2022**.

### **Hearing Procedure and Time Limits**

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

Dischargers will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Dischargers are invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they believe is necessary.

**Interested persons** may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have 3 minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

### **Hearing Accommodations**

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 916-464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

### **Availability of Documents**

The tentative Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Redding office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California, 96002; Rancho Cordova Office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670; or Fresno Office at 1685 E. Street, Fresno, California, 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

### **Central Valley Water Board Contact**

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Michelle Snapp at (916) 464-4824 or [Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov).

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer