

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDERS  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0078999  
AND  
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
FOR  
CITY OF COLUSA  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
COLUSA COUNTY**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

The City of Colusa (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 2820 Will S. Green Road, Colusa, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the City of Colusa, serving a population of approximately 6175. The Facility provides Title 22 tertiary treatment for 0.7 million gallons per day of municipal wastewater. The Facility reclaims Title 22 recycled water for irrigation of Discharger-owned farmland, landscape irrigation, and dust control. However, when the Facility exceeds its capacity to recycle water it discharges tertiary treated wastewater to the unnamed tributary to Powell Slough, a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2016-0062-02, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 18 August 2016 and amended on 6 April 2018 and 20 February 2020. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The tentative Order includes updated final effluent limitations for ammonia nitrogen and new final effluent limitations for total zinc. The tentative Order removes existing effluent limits for settleable solids, maximum daily effluent limits for biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids, and mass-based effluent limits for ammonia nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids. Removal of these limits will not result in an increase in discharge of the pollutants or in the degradation of the receiving water. A Time Schedule Order is proposed to provide the Discharger time to complete a compliance project that will enable the Discharger to comply with the final zinc effluent limitations while providing protection from mandatory minimum penalties for violation of the new final zinc effluent limitations.

### **Public Hearing Date and Location**

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

DATE: 21/22 April 2022  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Online Meeting  
**OR**  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Fresno Office  
1685 "E" Street  
Fresno, CA 93706-20047

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 Orders.

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

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Orders. 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**

The **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **18 March 2022** 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 Orders shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **18 March 2022** 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 **19 April 2022**.

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

The hearing on the tentative Orders 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.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Discharger is 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 Orders 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 office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 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 David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 or [David.Kirn@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:David.Kirn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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

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