

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2022-XXXX  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0081400  
FOR  
SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES  
SHASTA LAKE DIVISION  
SHASTA COUNTY**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

Sierra Pacific Industries (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Shasta Lake Division Sawmill (Facility) in the City of Shasta Lake, Shasta County. The Facility is a sawmill complex with a wood-burning boiler that generates steam for kiln heating. Industrial storm water from the western portion of the Facility is stored in two retention ponds and applied to a land application area. When the retention ponds reach capacity, industrial stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Churn Creek.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit R5-2016-0025, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 21 April 2016. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The proposed permit prohibits the discharge of process water, which was previously allowed in prior iterations of the NPDES permit. The Discharger has isolated the process water from the industrial storm water and now only plans to discharge industrial storm water to surface waters. Facility changes were made to support the isolation of process water, including construction of a second storm water retention pond, addition of a land application area, addition of a secondary discharge location, and implementation of new best management practices at the sawmill. The proposed permit removes process water-related effluent limitations, including those for total suspended solids, total recoverable copper, total recoverable zinc, and settleable solids. The proposed permit includes new storm water action levels, including those for chemical oxygen demand, oil and grease, total suspended solids, tannins and lignins, total recoverable aluminum, dissolved iron, total recoverable copper, and total recoverable zinc.

**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: 9/10 June 2022  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Online Meeting AND  
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The [final meeting agenda](#)

([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/)) 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 **13 May 2022** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CentralValleyFresno@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 **13 May 2022** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:CentralValleyFresno@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 **7 June 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.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation and closing statement. The Discharger is invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time it believes 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 office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002 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 Nicolette Dentoni at (559) 444-2505 or [Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov).

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

*Original Signed by:*  
CLAY RODGERS, Assistant Executive Officer

13 April 2022