
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

REVISED NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning Proposed Exemption Resolution for Upper Feather River Watershed Irrigated Pasture in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

Meeting Location Changed to All Virtual Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) is proposing to amend Order R5-2014-0030-10 *Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers within the Sacramento River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group* for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP).

The Central Valley Water Board is currently proposing to revise Order R5-2014-0030-10 to exempt operations located in the Upper Feather River Watershed.

A proposed exemption resolution to revise Order R5-2014-0030-10 has been developed and is the subject of this public comment period and public hearing notice.

For electronic copies of the exemption resolution and staff recommendations document, please email your request to Victor Bautista at victor.bautista@waterboards.ca.gov.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.:

- 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670
- 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706
- 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002

A public hearing concerning the proposed exemption resolution will be all virtual via zoom on 23 or 24 February 2023.

This hearing is to receive oral comments and consider adoption of the proposed exemption resolution. The Board will only consider adoption of the proposed exemption resolution and will not be re-considering other aspects of the ILRP. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 23 to 24 February 2023
(Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: All Virtual – Zoom (More information will be available in the February Board Meeting agenda)

The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available online at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed exemption resolution, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the proposed exemption resolution and draft staff recommendations document from 9 December 2022 through 16 January 2023.

Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's Rancho Cordova address listed on the first page to the attention of Sue McConnell. Materials received by 16 January 2023 will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered, and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff.

At the hearing, Board staff will present a final recommendation for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral presentations will be limited to 3-minutes at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Sue McConnell at sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 20 February 2023 if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide an electronic copy of any visual aids one day prior to the hearing.

Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of Water Code section 13287. Ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the Board meeting at which the proposed order is scheduled for Board action. For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on 9 February 2023. If the Central Valley Water Board does not take action on 23 and 24 February 2023, the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Board Chair or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice via the list serve email list for this item if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

Notice the [regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, section 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. For questions regarding the hearing procedure, please e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Sue McConnell at (916) 464-4798 or sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations or interpreter services are requested to e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291 at least 10 business 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.

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
17 January 2023