



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

29 August 2023

Jim Lederhos, CEO
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
ADOPTING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER NO. R5-2023-XXXX
FOR
PREMIER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, LLC
NORTH ANTELOPE HILLS OIL FIELD, OPAQUE FACILITY
KERN COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is a tentative order that will be considered for adoption during a public meeting of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board). The tentative order, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2023-XXXX (tentative WDRs) were prepared by Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) in response to a document submitted on behalf of Premier Resource Management, LLC (Premier or Discharger), titled, *Report of Waste Discharge (RWD)*. The RWD is an application for waste discharge requirements for a crude oil production facility in the North Antelope Hills Oil Field (Facility) with two ponds for oil field produced wastewater (produced water or discharge) disposal. Staff reviewed the RWD, and the technical information related to the discharge, and found that the Facility is appropriate for regulatory coverage.

The Central Valley Water Board is a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as per Public Resources Code, section 21069. In November 2015, Kern County certified an Environmental Impact Report for the Kern County Amended Zoning Ordinance for Oil and Gas Activities (EIR) to satisfy CEQA for oil and gas related projects in that county. The EIR and amended versions have been challenged and the EIR is currently being reviewed by the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Therefore, the Central Valley Water Board may only issue a conditional approval of the tentative WDRs. Conditional approval shall constitute permission for Premier to discharge produced water to the ponds only when there is a final determination that EIR is in compliance with CEQA.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Central Valley Water Board will consider adopting the tentative WDRs at its October 2023 meeting, with an option of virtual attendance. The public meeting is currently scheduled for:

Date: 12/13 October 2023
Time: To Be Determined
Place: To Be Determined
Redding, California

Any written comments or evidence you may have regarding the tentative WDRs must be submitted by **5:00 PM on 28 September 2023**. Absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to other parties, the Board Chair may exclude comments and evidence received after this deadline.

To conserve paper, a paper copy of the tentative WDRs has been sent only to Premier. [A copy of the tentative WDRs is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website.](https://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) (https://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings)

The final meeting agenda will be available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item, and the 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 proposed order.

Persons wishing to make non-evidentiary policy statements at the Board meeting (such statements will generally be limited to 3 minutes) are not required to submit written comments, but the Board appreciates receiving those comments in writing by the due date listed above so that they may be included in the packages that the Board members will receive ahead of the meeting.

Please email any comments to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copy rebecca.asami@waterboards.ca.gov and Joshua.mahoney@waterboards.ca.gov. In the subject line please include "Tentative WDRs, Premier Resource Management."

Persons wishing to provide comments via post mail may do so by addressing them to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rebecca T. Asami at (559) 445-5548 or at rebecca.asami@waterboards.ca.gov.



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Enclosure: Tentative WDRs for Premier Resource Management, LLC

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