

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Concerning
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
SIERRA NEVADA CHEESE COMPANY, INC. AND GREGERSEN PROPERTIES, LLC
GLENN COUNTY

Sierra Nevada Cheese Company (Discharger) owns and operates the Sierra Nevada Cheese processing Plant (Facility) The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to update Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for an existing cheese processing facility's wastewater discharge. The Facility discharges up to 60,000 gallons per day. Wastewater generated at the Facility include wastewater from cheese production, wash water, and boiler blowdown. The Facility is currently regulated under WDRs Order R5-2007-0043.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the tentative WDRs at a public hearing that will be conducted during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: **18/19 April 2024**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format or location 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).

The final meeting agenda will be available on the 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.

The designated party(s) for this hearing is as follows:

- Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, LLC.
- Gregersen Properties, LLC

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below.

Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board, **no later than 5:00 pm on 13 March 2024**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The Tentative WDRs were issued on 12 February 2024. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2024**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions about the tentative WDR's for the Sierra Nevada Cheese Company's cheese production plant should contact Valerie Rasmussen by telephone at (530) 224-6130. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the [Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) web page (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available on the [Water Board's Agenda web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The [Laws and Regulations Relevant](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) to Current Public Proceedings (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) and [Information on Meetings and Meeting Procedures](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) are available on the Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to the Central Valley Water Board Sacramento Office at (916) 464-3291.

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 or call (916) 464-4620 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.

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

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