

**27 February 2026 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 14

SUBJECT:

CITY OF ALTURAS, CITY OF ALTURAS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT,
MODOC COUNTY

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of Cease-and-Desist Order.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Alturas (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the City of Alturas Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works located in Modoc County, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the City of Alturas and serves a population of approximately 2,500. The Facility provides secondary treatment for up to 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD). Secondary-treated, disinfected wastewater from the Facility is discharged to the Pit River, a water of the United States.

Discharge from the Facility is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2020-0004 (NPDES No. CA0078921), adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on 4 June 2020. Since the Discharger could not comply with the final effluent limits listed in the WDRs, the Discharger was issued Cease and Desist Order R5-2020-0005, which, in part, included interim effluent limits for aluminum; these interim limits expired on 31 March 2025.

On 8 September 2025, the Discharger submitted a letter that requested additional time beyond that provided in Cease-and-Desist Order R5-2020-0005 to complete Facility improvements necessary to comply with final effluent limitations for aluminum. Additional time is required for the Discharger to complete upgrades to the Facility to move to land discharge, cease its discharge to surface water, and terminate their NPDES permit coverage.

The proposed Cease and Desist Order include a compliance schedule to meet the final effluent limitations for aluminum contained in the WDRs and includes interim effluent limits until the compliance schedule is complete.

The proposed Cease and Desist Order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 17 December 2025 with comments due by 16 January 2026. No comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Cease-and-Desist Order.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	SSG 1/28/2026
Legal Review:	CM 2.3.2026

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting
11020 Sun Center Dr. #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE