27 FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM: 16

SUBJECT:

The following are proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Orders that regulate discharges to waters of the state. All agencies and the dischargers concur or have offered no comments. Items indicated as updates on the summary agenda make the requirements consistent with current plans and policies of the Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of Waste Discharge Requirements.

BACKGROUND:

A) COALINGA SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE, FRESNO COUNTY

County of Fresno and Chevron USA, Inc. (a Delaware Corporation) (landowner), hereafter referred to jointly as "Discharger", own and maintain the Coalinga Solid Waste Disposal Site (Facility), which is located approximately one mile south of Coalinga in Fresno County. The Facility consists of two unlined WMUs covering approximately 52 acres. The northern WMU covers approximately 14 acres and the southern WMU covers approximately 38 acres. The Facility ceased accepting waste on 10 November 2009. The final cover for both WMUs was certified closed in Central Valley Water Board Staff's 1 December 2016 letter. The final cover system for both WMUs consisted of a 3.5-foot thick Evapotranspirative (ET) cover and vegetative layer that included the existing 1.8-foot-thick interim soil cover. The facility is currently regulated by existing Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2014-0058. The tentative WDRs Order would update the existing Order to allow for continued monitoring and post-closure maintenance.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

B) KERN VALLEY SANITARY LANDFILL, KERN COUNTY

County of Kern (Discharger) owns and maintains the Kern Valley Sanitary Landfill (Facility), which is located approximately four miles southeast of the City of Kernville in Kern County. The Facility consists of one closed unlined WMU that covers 36 acres. Waste was accepted at the Facility for disposal from 1969 through 1997. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board formally approved the final closure construction in January 2007. The Facility has an active corrective action program to address releases of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethene, dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon 12), and trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11). The facility is currently regulated by existing WDRs Order R5-2013-0011.

The tentative WDRs Order would update the existing Order to allow for continued monitoring, corrective action, and post-closure maintenance.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

C) HANFORD SANITARY LANDFILL, KINGS COUNTY

Kings Waste and Recycling Authority (Discharger) owns and maintains the Hanford Sanitary Landfill (Facility), which is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the City of Hanford in Kings County. The Facility consists of one closed unlined WMU that covers 79 acres. Waste was accepted at the Facility for disposal from 1973 through 1998. The Facility was closed in 1999 with an engineered alternative composite cover system and has an active corrective action program. The facility is currently regulated by existing Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2014-0086. The tentative Order would update the existing Order to allow for continued monitoring, corrective action, and post-closure maintenance.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

D) SULARA ENTERPRISES, INC., SULARA DRILLING MUD DISPOSAL FACILITY GLENN COUNTY

Sulara Drilling Mud Disposal Facility (Facility) is a closed waste disposal site owned and operated by Sulara Enterprises, Inc. (Discharger). The site covers approximately 33 acres, with approximately eight acres dedicated to waste disposal. The site is located one mile south of the City of Orland. A review of Department of Water Resources records indicates twenty-seven domestic, industrial and agricultural supply wells within one mile of the Facility.

The site began accepting drill cuttings and drilling fluid (mud) in 1970 and consisted of a gravel pit that was used for disposal of drill cuttings and mud from gas well construction. A lined surface impoundment used to evaporate water that was pumped from the Waste Management Unit (WMU) was briefly operated. The Discharger ceased pumping water to the surface impoundment in 1994, and in 1997, the liner was removed to allow for gravel extraction in the area. During the site's active life, operations consisted of transporting drill cuttings and mud to the site and discharging the waste to the WMU. Drill cuttings and mud were discharged to the east side of the WMU and then periodically pushed and graded inside of the WMU. In 2001, the site underwent final closure. The single WMU final cover system consisted of a two-foot-thick foundation layer, overlain by a low-permeability layer composed of imported clay, overlain by a one-foot-thick vegetative layer.

Two significant geologic units underlie the Facility. Pleistocene to recent age alluvium of the Stony Creek fan occurs from the surface down to between 40 and 125 feet below ground surface (bgs). These sandy loam soils immediately underlying the WMU are highly permeable. Underlying the Stony Creek alluvial fan is the Pliocene to Pleistocene age Tehama Formation. Beneath the Tehama Formation, at depths of several hundred feet, are marine sedimentary deposits. Groundwater underneath the Facility is first encountered between approximately 22 and 26 feet bgs and generally flows toward the southeast. The Facility has four groundwater monitoring wells, three of which are downgradient (MW-2. MW-3 and MW-4) with MW-1R serving as a background upgradient monitoring point. An evaluation of groundwater monitoring data for the Facility finds concentrations of most

constituents decreasing in downgradient wells following final closure. Intermittent elevated concentrations of calcium, chloride, magnesium and sulfate have been detected but are usually also present in the upgrade monitoring well.

This Order updates the WDRs for the Facility as part of a periodic review, to incorporate revisions to regulations and policies adopted thereunder, and for continued monitoring of the Facility. There are no issues associated with the requested changes. The tentative Order was issued for a public comment period on 11 December 2025 with comments due by 12 January 2026.

No comments were received. We are not aware of any unresolved issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	

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