

**23 OCTOBER 2026 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 10

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) AZTECA MILLING, L.P., AZTECA MADERA MASA PLANT, MADERA COUNTY –
CONSIDERATION OF REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER
NO. R5-2023-0007**

Azteca Milling L.P. (Azteca) is an industrial food processor that produces corn masa at its Madera Masa Plant (Facility) at 23865 Avenue 18 just northwest of Madera in Madera County. Wastewater is produced from the cooking, product rinse, and equipment cleaning operations at the Facility. Wastewater discharge from the Facility is currently authorized by WDRs Order R5-2023-0007.

On 5 August 2025, the Central Valley Water Board received a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for proposed improvements at the Facility, including operation of a new wastewater treatment system. The proposed improvements include installation of a centrifuge to enhance solids separation; implementation of a BioFiltro® Biofilter Dynamic Aerobic (BIDA) treatment system; construction of a double-lined high-density polyethylene (HDPE) main storage pond; upgrades to the sprinkler irrigation system and other irrigation infrastructure at the LAAs; and installation of ancillary equipment necessary to support the treatment, storage, and land application systems. The Discharger anticipates completing the improvements by November 2027.

The WDRs for the Facility are being updated to ensure the discharge is consistent with current water quality plans and policies and to reflect changes to the Facility since 2023. WDRs Order R5-2023-0007 will be rescinded and replaced with the tentative WDRs, which specify a monthly average flow limitation of 0.21 million gallons per day (mgd) based on the Facility's existing flows (i.e., not authorizing an expansion of the Facility discharge). Azteca has selected to participate in the Prioritization and Optimization Study for the Salt Control Program, and the proposed WDRs establish an updated performance-based effluent limit for fixed dissolved solids (FDS) of 1,500 mg/L. Similarly, the proposed WDRs require compliance with biochemical oxygen demand loading rate limits to the LAAs of 100 lbs/ac/day prior to completion of treatment system upgrades, and 75 lbs/ac/day following upgrades. This Order

also requires the application of wastewater to the LAA at agronomic rates and preparation of an Updated Wastewater Nutrient Management Plan. Comments were received from Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria and Azteca.

ISSUES

Azteca and Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria provided various comments on the tentative WDRs and Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP). In response to the comments received, staff revised the tentative WDRs and MRP. Staff's response to comments are included in the agenda package.

B) BROOKFIELD SUNSET LLC AMORUSO RANCH PROJECT, PLACER COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2021-0016

Brookfield Sunset LLC is requesting to amend the existing Waste Discharge Requirements for the Amoruso Ranch Project in Placer County. The amendment will update the Project scope to include additional impacts to waters of the U.S. and State associated with required grading into the former NAPOTS (Not a Part of This Project) area between Phases 2 and 3, and update the slope achieved within the development areas during Phases 2 and 3. The identified over grade areas will impact an additional 0.2 acre of waters of the U.S.

C) CALIFORNIA OLIVE RANCH, INC., CALIFORNIA OLIVE RANCH ARTOIS RANCH AND MILL, GLENN COUNTY

California Olive Ranch, Inc. (Discharger) owns and operates an olive processing facility (Facility) located at 5945 County Road 35, approximately six miles northwest of Willows, Glenn County. The discharge is currently regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2012-0039.

The Facility currently harvests olives from surrounding orchards; the olives are processed to produce extra virgin olive oil. The waste streams from this production include pomace (residual olive meat, skins and pits), wastewater and material other than olives consisting of stems, twigs and leaves (MOO).

On average approximately 35,000 tons of wet pomace (estimated 65% water content) is generated annually that is placed into three lined pomace drying ponds. After drying through evaporation, pomace is sold offsite as animal feed and/or a soil amendment.

Annually approximately 1,250,000 gallons of wastewater are discharged into a lined wastewater evaporation pond. Wastewater evaporates and is also used in the moisture conditioning of compost adjacent to the pond.

Approximately 700 tons of MOO is composted on site annually. Composting occurs on a pad constructed to the standards prescribed in the Composting General Order, though coverage under that General Order is not required for this operation. Composted MOO is then used as a soil amendment on orchards owned or under the control of the Discharger.

The proposed WDRs would revise and update the current requirements to better represent

current operations.

Comments were received from Ms. JoAnne Kipps and VESTRA Resources, Inc.; some revisions were made to the tentative WDRs in response to the comments received. Other revisions include minor edits to improve clarity and correct redundancies.

D) COUNTY OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, MCCOURTNEY ROAD LANDFILL, NEVADA COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2014-0022

The proposed WDRs are a routine update to the 2014 WDRs for the closed McCourtney Road Landfill approximately four (4) miles southwest of Grass Valley in Nevada County. Active landfill operations occurred from 1973 to 1992; in 1998 the Discharger completed closure of the landfill waste management units. The Discharger used two (2) surface impoundments until 1994 (SI-1) and 2013 (SI-2) to contain landfill liquids such as leachate and landfill gas condensate. In 2013 the Discharger commenced use of a new dedicated Leachate Storage Tank Farm in lieu of the surface impoundments. The Discharger subsequently demonstrated that it satisfied all prescriptive clean closure requirements for the surface impoundments, except for physical removal of the ponds and liner materials -- citing a desire to retain the physical ponds to store non-potable water to support Facility and community fire suppression needs.

These proposed WDRs would 1) Continue previous requirements, including corrective action requirements, for the closed landfill waste management units; and 2) Formally de-classify the surface impoundments such that they are no longer subject to Title 27, including the financial assurance requirements.

E) PORT OF STOCKTON DENMAR NATURAL SODA ASH EXPORT TERMINAL PROJECT, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2022-0014

Port of Stockton is requesting to amend the existing Waste Discharge Requirements for the Denmark Natural Soda Ash Export Terminal Project. The amendment extending the Order's expiration date is proposed for the Port of Stockton (Permittee), Denmark Natural Soda Ash Export Terminal Project (Project) in San Joaquin County.

F) SUNSWEET GROWERS, GRIDLEY DRYER - 51, BUTTE COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 93-084

Sunsweet Growers owns and operates a prune drying facility (Facility) located at 26 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, Butte County. The discharge is currently regulated pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements Order 93-084.

The Facility currently dries approximately 12,394 green tons of plums annually. Wastewater is generated from three dipper tanks. The process season and subsequent discharge lasts four to six weeks annually, during the months of August and September.

Process wastewater from the dipper's discharges to a sump, pumped through a screen, then

discharged to a 50,000-gallon aerated concrete-lined wastewater sump. Process wastewater is treated with enzymes and deodorizer to minimize odors at the Facility and land application area. Process wastewater from the concrete-lined sump is discharged to a five-acre land application area. Wastewater is applied to the land application area via flood irrigation.

From 2021-2025, the Facility has discharged an average of approximately 38,600 gallons per day (gpd) during the process season.

G) TRINITY RIVER LUMBER COMPANY AND CWS ENTERPRISES, INC., TRINITY RIVER LUMBER COMPANY LOG YARD, BUTTE COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF NEW WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

CWS Enterprises Inc. owns and Trinity River Lumber Company operates Trinity River Lumber Company Log Yard located at 3000 South 7th Avenue, Oroville, Butte County (Facility).

Operations at the Facility began in June 2022. The Facility stores logs on a 5.5 acre unpaved log deck and waters them via a sprinkler system to prevent splitting prior to being hauled to the Trinity River Lumber Company sawmill located in Weaverville, Trinity County.

The primary source of water for the sprinkler system is an onsite supply well. All sprinkle water and stormwater from the log deck drain to an unlined pond with a maximum capacity of 2 acre-feet. The water in the pond is recirculated through the sprinkler system and back onto the logs.

In 2024, the Facility used an average of approximately 265,000 gallons of water per day (gpd) for log deck sprinklers.

Comments were received from VESTRA Resources, Inc.; some revisions were made to the tentative WDRs in response to the comments received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

AND VIA VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE