

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2026-XXXX
TO COMPLY WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PRESCRIBED IN ORDER R5-2020-0004
(NPDES PERMIT CA0078921)
FOR
CITY OF ALTURAS
CITY OF ALTURAS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
MODOC COUNTY**

TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER INFORMATION

The City of Alturas (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the City of Alturas Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 20099 County Road 54, Alturas, California. The Facility provides sewerage service for the City of Alturas, serving a population of approximately 2,500. The Facility discharges secondary-treated wastewater to the Pit River, a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2020-0004 (NPDES Permit) and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2020-0005, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 20 February 2020. The NPDES Permit contains effluent limitations for aluminum. CDO R5-2020-0005 contains a compliance schedule that expired on 31 March 2025. The Discharger has made diligent efforts to comply with the final effluent limitations for aluminum but has demonstrated that additional time is needed to comply. Therefore, a Cease and Desist Order is proposed to allow additional time for compliance with these final effluent limitations until 31 March 2030.

COMMENT PERIOD

Persons wishing to comment in writing on the proposed Cease and Desist Order must submit such comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **16 January 2026** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov. The Board may refuse to admit untimely written materials and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered.

PUBLIC HEARING

Any person may request an oral hearing before the Executive Officer. If no oral hearing is requested during the comment period, the public comment period and the Executive Officer's review of the administrative record, including any written comments, shall constitute the public hearing. Based on comments received, the Executive Officer may decide to hold an oral hearing or the matter will be considered at the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 26/27 February 2026
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Online Meeting
and
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The [final meeting agenda](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and 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 Cease and Desist Order.

HEARING REGULATIONS & ACCOMMODATIONS

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations for an oral hearing are requested to send an e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call 916-464-4839 at 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.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The proposed Cease and Desist Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD CONTACT

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Michael Collins at (530) 224-4785 or Michael.Collins@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

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17 December 2025