
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF REQUESTED EXCEPTION TO SEWAGE CONNECTION RESTRICTION, CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2023-0006, CITY OF ARVIN, ARVIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, KERN COUNTY

The City of Arvin (City) Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is regulated by Cease and Desist Order R5-2023-0006 (CDO)¹. Among other requirements, the CDO includes a sewage connection restriction that prohibits new connections to the City's sewage collection system by individual households or businesses that did not have a building permit approved prior to 27 April 2023.

The CDO states that the Executive Officer may, prior to removing the sewage connection restriction, grant a limited exception to allow additional connections to the City's sewage collection system upon finding that the City has met certain conditions specified in the CDO. The CDO requires that any request by the City for an exception to the sewage connection restriction include justification and also requires that the Executive Officer provide an opportunity for public review of such request prior to making a determination on approval or disapproval of the request.

On 18 May 2026, Ryan Sellman, a California licensed Civil Engineer with Carollo Engineers, Inc., submitted a request for an exception to the sewage connection restriction on behalf of the City. The request is to allow the addition of 47 single-family homes to an existing residential development project currently under construction within the City. The request indicates that the proposed homes are anticipated to increase flows to the City's sewage collection system by an average of 16,450 gallons per day (gpd).

The submittal includes water balance calculations indicating that the City will be able to accommodate its existing wastewater flows plus the additional flow from the proposed homes once its largest wastewater storage pond, Pond 3, is repaired. The submittal indicates that repairs to Pond 3 began in April 2026 and the pond is anticipated to be

¹[Cease and Desist Order R5-2023-0006](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/kern/r5-2023-0006_cdo.pdf)

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repaired by September 2026. The proposed single-family homes are anticipated to be constructed in phases and are expected to be ready for occupancy between October 2026 and February 2027. A copy of the City's 18 May 2026 exception request is enclosed.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed the City's exception request for the proposed single-family homes including the water balance calculations and determined the following:

1. The proposed 47 single-family homes are anticipated to increase the City's average daily wastewater flows by approximately 16,450 gpd.
2. The City's water balance calculations indicate that the City will be able to accommodate its current wastewater flows plus additional flows from the proposed development once Pond 3 is repaired.
3. Construction to repair Pond 3 began in April 2026 and is anticipated to be completed by September 2026.
4. The proposed 47 single-family homes are expected to be occupied between October 2026 and February 2027, after repairs to Pond 3 are anticipated to be completed.
5. The City has provided adequate justification for its requested exception to the sewage connection restriction and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer that it meets the conditions specified in the CDO for receiving the exception.
6. A public notice notifying interested persons of the City's exception request and the Executive Officer's intent to approve the request was posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website for a public comment period of 14 days. Interested persons were provided an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

Based on the above, the City's request for an exception to the sewage connection restriction imposed by the CDO for the proposed development listed herein is approved.

The sewage connection restriction imposed by the CDO remains in place, and any additional connections to the City's collection system continue to be prohibited unless additional exceptions are granted by the Executive Officer or the CDO is rescinded or otherwise amended by the Central Valley Water Board.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Omar Mostafa at 559-445-5197 or omar.mostafa@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure: 18 May 2026 Sewage Connection Restriction Exception Request

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