
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

27 May 2026

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT
CONCERNING
PRELIMINARY DRAFT GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PACKING FACILITIES
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

Enclosed with this notice is a Preliminary Draft of the *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Fruit and Vegetable Packing Facilities Within the Central Valley Region* (or Packing General Order).

The Packing General Order is intended as the primary permitting mechanism to regulate discharges to land from the fruit and vegetable packing industry throughout the Central Valley region and is expected to streamline the permitting process. Staff are requesting comments on this Preliminary Draft to help guide its development. Staff will review and consider any comments received but will not produce a formal response to comments during this preliminary comment period.

A tentative draft of the Packing General Order will be circulated for a separate 30-day public comment period prior to its consideration by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for August 2026. Details on the board meeting and how to submit formal comments on the tentative Packing General Order will be provided in a Notice of Public Hearing when the tentative Order is circulated for public comment.

To stay up to date on the development of the Packing General Order, please subscribe to the Non-15 Program email list on the [Waste Discharge to Land webpage](#).

https://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_land/

Instructions for Commenters

Written comments on the Preliminary Draft Packing General Order are requested by 5:00 p.m. on 10 June 2026.

Comments should be emailed to cenralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copied to Katie.Carpenter@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line “Comments on Preliminary Draft Packing General Order”.

If you prefer to send comments on the Preliminary Draft via mail, please send hard copies to:

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A copy of the Preliminary Draft Packing General Order can be found on the [Central Valley Water Boards's Public Notices](#) webpage under the Waste Discharges to Land section.

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For questions about this notice or the Preliminary Draft Packing General Order, contact Katie Carpenter at (559) 445-5551 or email Katie.Carpenter@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bryan Rock in black ink.

Bryan Rock
Senior Engineering Geologist

Enclosures:

- Preliminary Draft Packing General Order (without attachments)