PRELIMINARY DRAFT ATTACHMENT B. APPLICATION/NOTICE OF INTENT FORM

To apply for coverage under this General Order, submit a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) consisting of the following:

A. Completed Form 200

A copy of the Form 200 is available online.

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/forms/docs/form200.pdf)

B. Fees

Pursuant to Water Code section 13260 et seq., Dischargers enrolled under this General Order are required to pay an annual fee as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board. The annual fee is based on the threat to water quality and complexity of the discharge in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2200. Dischargers enrolled under this General Order will be assigned a threat and complexity rating as outlined below (subject to change following Water Board staff's review of the Report of Waste Discharge, or unless determined otherwise by the Executive Officer):

Tier Designation	Threat/complexity
Exempt (less than 10,000 gpy)	No fee
Tier 1.1 (less than 2 mgy with lined ponds)	3C
Tier 1.2 (less than 2 mgy with unlined ponds)	3B
Tier 2.1 (less than 50 mgy with lined ponds)	2C
Tier 2.2 (less than 50 mgy with unlined ponds)	2B
Tier 3.1 (greater than 50 mgy with lined ponds)	2B
Tier 3.2 (greater than 50 mgy with unlined ponds)	2A

For new dischargers, not operating under existing WDRs, the NOI must include an application filing fee which will be the first year's annual fee consistent with the criteria listed above. **Existing dischargers regulated by WDRs, who are current on their annual fees, are not required to submit an additional application with their NOI**. The NOI shall be accompanied by proof of online payment or a check, made out to the State Water Resources Control Board, for payment of the filing fee. Information concerning fee schedule and ratings can be found on the State Water Board website. (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/)

C. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

For existing dischargers proposing no new changes to the facility, please provide copies of all CEQA documents prepared for the facility that include mitigation measures that should or must be implemented by the Central Valley Water Board.

For new or expanding dischargers, please attach the following documents.

1. Environmental Impact Report (EIR))/Negative Declaration (ND)/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

2. Lead Agency EIR/ND/MND Approval Letter.

If the local planning agency (city or county, as applicable) or another public agency has determined that the project, including the waste discharge (or expansion, changes, etc.) is exempt from CEQA review, submit a copy of the Notice of Exemption or other relevant correspondence issued by the planning agency.

D. Technical Report

Include a copy of a Technical Report with the technical information specified in **Attachment C** of the General Order. The Technical Report shall be prepared and stamped by a California registered professional civil engineer or geologist and include a complete characterization of the discharge. A complete characterization includes, but is not limited to, the basis and evaluation of process design and actual wastewater flows, wastewater characterization and laboratory analysis, loading calculations, soil conditions, a water balance, and description of best management practices.

Facilities enrolled under Tier 1, consisting solely of land application with no ponds or lined ponds, are not required to submit a Technical Report.

E. Salt and Control Program

Demonstration of compliance with the Salt and Nitrate Control Program. Specific requirements and details on compliance pathways are provided in **Attachment C**.

F. Other Permitting Requirements

1. Facilities that use or plan to use ponds for handling and/or disposal of process water should include:

    a. Pond Evaluation. At a minimum, the *Pond Evaluation* shall include construction detail for the pond(s) as well as site-specific soil conditions (e.g., type of soils, percolation rate, depth to confining layer and/or first encountered groundwater), liner details [if applicable], and a water balance. The water balance shall demonstrate that the pond has sufficient

capacity to accommodate wastewater design flows and seasonal precipitation with a 100-year return period and a 25 year 24-hour peak storm event.

The evaluation shall describe how the pond system will be managed and operated to prevent overtopping or unauthorized runoff. The evaluation should address, at a minimum anticipated rainfall, pond water levels throughout the year, site drainage, runoff and erosion controls, available storage capacity, pond freeboard, contingency measures for extended wet weather, and any operational practices that ensures the pond can safely contain both process wastewater and stormwater under the proposed design storm

b. Groundwater Evaluation. Facilities that use unlined ponds shall submit a Groundwater Evaluation. At a minimum, the Groundwater Evaluation shall characterize underlying groundwater quality, depth-to groundwater, and the potential impact of the discharge on downgradient users. Based on the results of this evaluation, groundwater monitoring and/or lining of the ponds may be required.

3. Industrial General Permit (IGP). Nut hulling and shelling operations are generally classified under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 0723, *Crop Preparation Services for Market (Except Cotton Ginning),* and typically are not required to obtain coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2014-0057-DWQ Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, NPDES No. CAS000001 (IGP). However, if the Central Valley Water Board determines that the facility is conducting activities under an SIC code that requires IGP enrollment, the Discharger shall obtain coverage under the IGP, regardless of tier, or any subsequently adopted Order. That supersedes it.

G. Completed Notice of Intent Form (see next page)

NOTICE OF INTENT FORM

1. Facility Information

Discharger Name:	
Facility Name:	
Facility Address:	
Proposed General Order Tier:	
Existing Facility? (Y/N)	
Current WDRs Order (if applicable)	
New Facility? (Y/N)	

2. Operator Information

Contact Name:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

3. Parcel List:

(Include list of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs), owner, use, and acreage. Attach additional sheets as needed)

APN	Owner(s)	Use	Acreage

4. Processing Season

Harvest:

Days of Operation	Which Months

Off season:

Days of Operation	Which Months

5. Process Operations:

Provie a brief description of the process water generated and identify activities that generate the waste (e.g., hulling, roasting, packaging, etc.)

Wastewater Flow:

Flow Type	Flow
Annual Design Flow (gallons per year)	
Average/Maximum Daily Flow (gallons per day)	

Provide how flows are calculated.

6. Production and Discharge

Provide the total production in tons or pounds of product processed and volume of wastewater discharged over the last five years.

Year	Production (pounds or tons)	Flow (million gallons)

7. Waste Handling and Disposal Practices

General Description: (identify all waste streams, treatment/storage components, etc.)

Process wastewater handling storage, disposal, and/or reuse: (check all that apply)

Ponds (circle Lined or Unlined):	
Land Application (acres):	

Pond Details (if applicable): Provide a brief description of all ponds in use at the facility include dimensions, use, storage capacity, permeability, liner details [i.e., thickness, material, age, leachate recovery, etc.]. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Pond Identification	Pond Capacity (gallons)	Pond Dimensions	Liner Type

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Land Application Area Details. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Acres	
Crops Grown:	
Growing Months	
Acres	
Crops Grown:	
Growing Months	
Acres	
Crops Grown:	
Growing Months	
Acres	
Crops Grown:	
Growing Months	

8. Solids Handing

Describe all solids handling, storage, and disposal practices (composting, soil amendment, or-site agricultural use).

Provide volume of process solids generated and disposal method (i.e. land applied onsite as a soil amendment, composting, or discharged of site to a permitted facility) over the last five years.

Year	Solids Generated (tons/yr)	Disposal Method

9. Stormwater Handling

Contained on-site? ☐ Combined with wastewater? ☐ Other ☐

Describe:

10. Chemical Usage

Provide chemical names, use, and quantity.

11. Groundwater Monitoring Network

Well Name	Average depth to Groundwater (feet)	Well Function

For well function, indicate if wells are site-wide or monitor for a specific feature (i.e. up-gradient, down-gradient, and/or cross-gradient of pond and/or land application area). Attach additional sheets as needed.

12. Permits

Is the facility and/or land application areas covered by another permit, waiver, or other permitting mechanism? (e.g., WDRs, Industrial Stormwater Permit, Composting General Order, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, etc.). Circle Yes or No.

For each permit, waiver, or permitting mechanism list the type, issuing agency, date of issuance, and identification number. Include additional sheets if needed.

G. CERTIFICATION

Certification is required by one of the following:

1. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president,
2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively,
3. For a public agency: by a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
4. For an LLC: by either a member or manager given signing authority by the operating agreement of the LLC, or
5. A "duly authorized representative" of one of the above.

"I certify under penalty of perjury that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direct supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the program or those directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. In addition, I certify that the provisions of this General Order, including the criteria for eligibility and the development and implementation of the local agency oversight program, if required, will be complied with."

Print Name _____ Title: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Submittal

Submit the signed Notice of Intent, supporting documentation (Form 200 and Technical Report), and a photocopy of the application fee (if applicable) by email to the appropriate Central Valley Water Board Office email:

Rancho Cordova Office: centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov

Fresno Office: centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov

Redding Office: centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov

To submit the application fee, dischargers can mail the check to the appropriate Central Valley Water Board Office along with a copy of the Form 200. Additional directions on how to submit the application fee including electronic submittal can be found online. (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/water_quality/)