

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing
for

Resolution No. R1-2026-0005

for

**Project Criteria for an Exception to the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Policy
Prohibiting Waste Discharges to Humboldt Bay**

The California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board or Board) will consider adoption of Resolution No. R1-2026-0005 (Resolution) for Project Criteria for an Exception to the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries Policy (Policy) and the Prohibition of Waste Discharges to Humboldt Bay.

The City of Eureka is currently enrolled under National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) Order No. R1-2023-0016 (Order). The purpose of this Resolution is to describe the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board or Board) understanding of the project criteria that may justify an exception to the waste discharge prohibition contained in the Policy and Order. This is not an action to modify or approve revisions to the Order, or to formally approve projects to satisfy the Policy or Order conditions.

This item was originally open for written public comment between **November 7, 2025 and December 8, 2025**. To encourage broad public participation, the Regional Water Board staff is extending the public comment period to **December 15, 2023**. Comments and questions regarding the draft Resolution should be directed to Justin McSmith at Justin.McSmith@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider adoption of a proposed Resolution is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's **February 18-19, 2026** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. Please follow the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page](#). The public hearing will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website](#).

You must submit written copies of all comments, technical reports, testimony, and other policy or evidentiary material concerning this issue to the [Regional Water Board email](#) no later than 5:00 p.m., on **December 8, 2025**. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and available to all interested persons along with the full agenda materials. Written material received after the above date and time will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair.

Oral comments will also be accepted at the above scheduled hearing. The time constraints for oral comments will be set by the Chair of the Regional Water Board and are generally limited to no more than five minutes for interested persons. Staff and Permittee presentations are generally limited to 20 minutes. These limits may be modified by the Chair upon request and at the Chair's discretion. The Draft Resolution and related documents are available at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](#). Additionally, the Draft Resolution and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California.

Document Review

The Draft Resolution and related documents are available at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](#). Additionally, the Draft Resolution be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California.

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November 7, 2025

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