

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding

**TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R3-2026-0004
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ANNUAL FLOOD CONTROL AND FIRE FUEL LOAD REDUCTION PROJECT
SALINAS RIVER WATERSHED, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public comments on the tentative waste discharge requirements for the City of Paso Robles Annual Flood Control and Fire Fuel Load Reduction Project. The Central Coast Water Board will also hold a public hearing to propose adoption of the tentative waste discharge requirements. You may download the tentative waste discharge requirements from the Central Coast Water Board website at the following address:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

The tentative waste discharge requirements authorize mechanical and manual vegetation treatment, mechanical and manual sediment removal, low-intensity pile burning, and livestock grazing within the Salinas River and other waters of the state in the Salinas River watershed for the purposes of flood and fire risk reduction. The Central Coast Water Board currently regulates these activities under existing waste discharge requirements Order R3-2021-0012.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS BY FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board no later than 5:00 PM on **February 18, 2026**. Please electronically submit comments or questions with the subject line “**Comment Letter, Paso Robles WDRs**” to:

alexandra.coblentz@waterboards.ca.gov

Written comments can also be mailed or delivered to:

Central Coast Water Board
Attn. Alexandra Coblentz
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

All comments received by that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the tentative waste discharge requirements. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the tentative waste discharge requirements after 5:00 PM on **February 18, 2026**, unless the chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by 5:00 PM on **February 18, 2026**. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 16-17, 2026

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing on **April 16-17, 2026**, to consider adoption of the proposed waste discharge requirements at the following location:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed waste discharge requirements. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments. Information will be available as part of the meeting agenda, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2026/2026_agendas.html

STAFF CONTACT AND DOCUMENTS

The tentative waste discharge requirements and related documents may be downloaded as set forth above, and they are also available for inspection and copying by the public. Please submit any requests to review documents electronically to: alexandra.coblentz@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please direct questions pertaining to the tentative waste discharge requirements to Alexandra Coblentz at alexandra.coblentz@waterboards.ca.gov or at (805) 542-4786.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The tentative waste discharge requirements are available in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language, or sign language services, please use one of the following options:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

La Junta Regional para el Control de la Calidad del Agua (Regional Water Quality Control Board) está notificándoles a todas aquellas personas interesadas sobre requisitos provisionales de descarga de aguas residuales para el Proyecto Anual de Control de Inundaciones y Reducción de Carga de Combustible para Incendios de la Ciudad de Paso Robles. Si desea obtener información en español, póngase en contacto con rb3-401applicaton@waterboards.ca.gov.