

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R3-2023-0001
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT NO. CA0048194
FOR THE
CITY OF SANTA CRUZ WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (SANTA CRUZ
COUNTY) WITH DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the City of Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Facility by issuance of waste discharge requirements. The wastewater treatment plant will discharge secondary treated municipal wastewater which includes reverse osmosis concentrate, strainer backwash, microfiltration backwash, facility stormwater, and reverse osmosis concentrate and off-specification water from the Pure Water Soquel Advanced Water Purification Facility to the Pacific Ocean and also produces disinfected tertiary recycled water. A copy of the proposed waste discharge requirements can be found on the Central Coast Water Board's tentative orders page at:

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

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the proposed waste discharge requirements on:

December 14-15, 2023

*This meeting will be held at the Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo*

Information is available as part of the meeting agenda, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2023/2023_agendas.html

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board by email at centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov or to the San Luis Obispo address above no later than **October 12, 2023**. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the proposed waste discharge requirements after **October 12, 2023**, 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 **October 12, 2023**. 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.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The Report of Waste Discharge, Fact Sheet, related documents, and all comments received may be inspected and copied by the public. Please submit any requests to review documents electronically to Peter von Langen at (805) 549-3688 or peter.vonlangen@waterboards.ca.gov or Arwen Wyatt-Mair at (805) 542-4695 or arwen.wyattmair@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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