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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

#### WATER QUALITY ORDER 2020-0012-DWQ GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOSTING OPERATIONS RECOLOGY JEPSON PRAIRIE ORGANICS SOLANO COUNTY

On 12 November 2021, Recology (Discharger) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) titled *Jepson Prairie Organics Composting Facility General Waste Discharge Requirement Technical Report* for Recology Jepson Prairie Organics (Facility). The ROWD includes a Technical Report, Notice of Intent (NOI), and filing fee to obtain coverage under Water Quality Order 2020-0012-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Composting Operations (hereafter General Order), for composting operations at the above-referenced site. The complete [General Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2020/wqo_2020_0012_dwq.pdf) can be accessed at: ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2020/wqo\\_2020\\_0012\\_dwq.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2020/wqo_2020_0012_dwq.pdf))

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) was developed after the review of the Discharger's ROWD, as described in the attached Staff Memorandum, which is a part of this NOA. Based on staff review of the ROWD and supporting documents, JPO currently does not meet all the minimum requirements of the General Order. As such the enclosed Staff Memorandum includes a Timeline for Compliance, which requires the Discharger to complete actions in order to bring the facility into compliance with all requirements of the General Order no later than **12 November 2026**, 5 years after the NOI was submitted. The facility is hereby covered under State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) General Order **2020-0012-DWQ-R5S004** as a **Tier II** composting operation. The Discharger must comply with all Tier II requirements of the General Order.

The filing fee for Recology Jepson Prairie Organics is based on Threat to Water Quality and Complexity rating of 3B. The submitted filing fee covers the first year permitted by this NOA. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Board) until the NOA is officially terminated.

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The Discharger should familiarize itself with the contents of the enclosed Staff Memorandum and all of the requirements of the General Order. The Discharger is responsible for implementing all operations in a manner that complies with the General Order, including any additional site-specific mitigation measures identified in the Discharger's Technical Report for water quality protection. Any noncompliance with this General Order and/or failure to implement mitigation measures identified for water quality protection constitutes a violation of the Water Code, and is grounds for enforcement action, and/or termination of enrollment under this General Order.

Conditions of the General Order include but are not limited to:

- The Water and Wastewater Management Plan, as submitted in the Technical Report and approved by staff in this NOA, must be implemented including but not limited to the following requirements:
  - Compliance with Wastewater Pond Specifications.
  - Revision of the water balance.
  - Completion of any necessary improvements based on the revised water balance.
  - Compliance with operational and maintenance requirements.
- The Annual Monitoring and Maintenance Report, technical reports, and all monitoring reports must be uploaded into the State Water Board's GeoTracker database.
- A revised NOI is required at least 90 days prior to:
  - Expansion of the composting facility beyond that regulated by this NOA.
  - Adding a new feedstock, additive, or amendment.
  - Changing material or construction specifications.
  - Changing a monitoring program.
  - Changing an operation or activity not described in the approved NOI and technical report and which has not been approved in this NOA.

Attachment B of the General Order and the Staff Memorandum include specific monitoring and reporting requirements with which the Discharger must comply, including routine monitoring and reporting to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board). The first year Annual Monitoring and Maintenance Report, as identified in the General Order, must be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **1 April 2023**, and then annually by 1 April each year.

All monitoring and technical reports and other correspondence must be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically to the State Water Board's GeoTracker database (see General Order, Report Submittals). Once you receive an upload confirmation from GeoTracker that your report has been received, please send a courtesy email and confirmation number to [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov) and to the staff person indicated below.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Attention:	Kenny Croyle, Compliance and Enforcement Unit <a href="mailto:Kenny.Croyle@Waterboards.ca.gov">Kenny.Croyle@Waterboards.ca.gov</a> (916) 464-4676
Discharger Name:	Recology Hay Road
Facility Name:	Recology Jepson Prairie Organics
County:	Solano County
CIWQS Place ID:	233622

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement Section will provide management of this composting site. Kenny Croyle is your new point of contact for any questions about the General Order and NOA, and you may contact him at the contact email and phone number provided above.

Patrick Pulupa  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Staff Memorandum dated 6 June 2022

cc: Tim Daleiden, Recology, Dixon  
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