
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning the Proposed Exemption of Managed Wetlands from Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for Growers within the Central Valley that are Members of a Third-Party Group:

Eastern San Joaquin Watershed R5-2012-0116-10

Western San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2014-0002-10

San Joaquin County and Delta Area R5-2014-0029-06

Sacramento River Watershed Area R5-2014-0030-09

Grassland Drainage Area R5-2015-0095-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is proposing to amend Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for Growers Within the Central Valley that are Members of a Third-Party Group (ILRP General Orders).

The Central Valley Water Board is proposing to exempt exclusively managed wetlands from requirements to obtain coverage under the ILRP. An exemption resolution to revise the above-named General Orders has been developed and is the subject of this public comment period and public hearing notice.

For electronic copies of the exemption resolution and documents showing the proposed changes, please email your request to Susan Fregien at susan.fregien@waterboards.ca.gov.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.:

- 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670
- 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706
- 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002

A public hearing concerning the proposed exemption resolution will be held either in-person at the Redding City Hall in Redding, CA and/or on-line on 14 and 15 October 2021.

This hearing is to receive oral comments and consider adoption of the proposed exemption resolution. The Board will only consider adoption of the proposed exemption resolution and will not be re-considering other aspects of the ILRP. The hearing date and location are noted below:

Date: 14 to 15 October 2021
(Please contact staff two weeks prior to the meeting for the exact date.)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Either at Redding City Hall – 777 Cypress Ave, Redding and/or on-line
(More information will be available in the October Board Meeting agenda)

The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available online at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the hearing date for the proposed exemption resolution, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, include all material related to this agenda item, and may include staff revisions.

The Board is inviting the public, stakeholders, and representatives of other agencies to submit written comments on the proposed exemption resolution from **20 August 2021** through **20 September 2021**.

Persons submitting written comments are encouraged to do so electronically by sending them to susan.fregien@waterboards.ca.gov. Otherwise, written comments may be sent to the Central Valley Water Board's Rancho Cordova address listed on the first page to the attention of Susan Fregien. Materials received by **20 September 2021** will be included in the administrative record; submitted comments will be considered, and a written response to the comments will be prepared by Board staff.

At the hearing, Board staff will present a final recommendation for the Central Valley Water Board's consideration. All persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral comments to the Central Valley Water Board at the hearing. Oral presentations will be limited to **3-minutes** at the discretion of the Board Chair. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson and to contact Sue McConnell at sue.mcconnell@waterboards.ca.gov no later than 13 October 2021 if they anticipate requiring more than three minutes for oral comments. Persons making oral comments may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Chair may, at his discretion, allow presenters to supplement their oral testimony with slides or other digital media. If you plan to use visual aids such as PowerPoint slides, contact staff prior to the meeting to arrange for equipment set-up. You must provide an electronic copy of any visual aids one day prior to the hearing.

Notice the [regulations governing adjudicatory hearings before the Central Valley Water Board](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq., and are available online. Copies of these regulations will be provided upon request. Except as provided in Section 648(b), Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedures Act (Gov. Code, section 11500 et seq.) does not apply to this hearing. For questions regarding the hearing procedure, please e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291.

Any questions regarding the proposed action should be directed to Susan Fregien at susan.fregien@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4813.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations or interpreter services are requested to e-mail agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 464-3291 at least 10 business days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by Sue McConnell for

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer
20 August 2021