

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for
STEVE GIKAS
CALIFORNIA NUGGETS, INC. AND GOLDEN GATE NUT COMPANY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) are being issued to Steve Gikas as the owner and operator, also known as the Discharger, for California Nuggets and Golden Gate Nut Company located at 23073 South Fredrick Road in San Joaquin County. The Facility processes corn and nuts to produce snack foods. The Facility is currently regulated by WDRs Order No. R5-2014-0056. Tentative WDRs were updated to ensure the discharge is consistent with water quality plans and policies and to reflect current treatment and disposal operations.

A Public Hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 22/23 June 2023
TIME: To be determined
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(Physical Meeting Location with Remote Meeting Option)

This public meeting may take place either in-person or via video and teleconference, and/or any combination of the two, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Central Valley Water Boards Meeting Calendar webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings). Also, please visit our website for information on [How To Participate In Online Meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/remote_meeting/#join_remotely) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/remote_meeting/#join_remotely).

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Steve Gikas for California Nuggets, Inc., and Golden Gate Nut Company

Designated parties, but not interest parties, will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff

will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board by **5:00 p.m. on 24 April 2023**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on 24 March 2023. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5:00 p.m. on 24 April 2023**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Central Valley Water Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Central Valley Water Board Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Central Valley Water Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions regarding the Tentative WDRs or Tentative MRP, please contact Dina Calanchini at (916) 464-4740 or dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board office at:

11020 Sun Center Drive, # 200
Rancho Cordova, California, 95670
weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available on the [Central Valley Water Boards Agenda Calendar webpage](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. [Information on Meeting and Hearing Procedures](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Mindy Maxwell at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Maxwell at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working 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.

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