

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING

**TENTATIVE ORDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2023-XXXX
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0078891
FOR
CITY OF RED BLUFF
RED BLUFF WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PLANT
TEHAMA COUNTY**

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The City of Red Bluff (Discharger) owns the Red Bluff Wastewater Reclamation Plant (Facility) and discharges up to 2.5 million gallons per day (average dry weather flow) of treated wastewater into the Sacramento River, a water of the United States. The Facility is contract-operated by Jacobs Solutions, Inc. The treatment system consists of influent screening, aerated grit removal, primary sedimentation, activated sludge treatment, secondary clarification, filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination with sodium bisulfite. Treated effluent is discharged to the Sacramento River through a 30-inch-diameter open-ended concrete coated steel pipe. Aerobically digested waste sludge and raw sludge is pumped into one of three storage basins, dried onsite via solar radiation/evaporation, and the resulting biosolids are hauled to the Tehama County and City of Red Bluff Class III Municipal Solid Waste Landfill for final disposal.

The discharge of wastewater from the Facility is regulated under existing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2018-0014, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. CA0078891. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Central Valley Water Board adopt the tentative NPDES permit to regulate discharge from the Facility.

Public Hearing Date and Location

A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 12/13 October 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Ave., Redding, CA 96001
and
Online Meeting

The [final meeting agenda](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and 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 tentative Order.

Nature and Purpose of Hearing

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence

The **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **17 August 2023** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Interested persons include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment, in writing, on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **17 August 2023** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

Persons who wish to participate in the hearing as a party must submit a request in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **28 July 2023** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov. The request must include facts demonstrating how the person will be substantially affected by the proceeding.

The Board Chair will not designate a person as a party if the Board Chair determines the designation will impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. The Board Chair, when granting a request for party status, may impose

restrictions on the requestor's hearing participation, including limiting or excluding the use of cross-examination and other procedures to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

Visual Presentations

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the below Central Valley Water Board Contact by 12:00 p.m. on **9 October 2023**.

Hearing Procedure and Time Limits

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation and closing statement. The Discharger is invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time it believes is necessary.

Interested persons may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have 3 minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

Hearing Accommodations

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call 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.

Availability of Documents

The tentative Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

Central Valley Water Board Contact

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Michael Collins at (530) 224-4785 or Michael.Collins@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Clint E. Snyder, Assistant Executive Officer