**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 ORDER AMENDING GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2022-0006-02 NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT CAG995002

**FOR**

# LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER

## Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Order R5-2022-0006, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order), on 17 February 2022. The Limited Threat General Order was amended to R5-2022-0006-01 by Order R5-2023-0015 on 27 April 2023 and amended by Order R5-2023-0058 on 14 December 2023. The Limited Threat General Order applies to individuals, public agencies, private businesses, and other legal entities discharging limited threat wastewater to waters of the United States within the Central Valley Region.

A tentative Order is proposed to amend the Limited Threat General Order to include an enrollment discharge category and additional requirements for dischargers applying alum for phosphorous sequestration, including submission and implementation of an Alum Application Plan (AAP). Separately, the amendment proposes effluent limitations specific to chromium (VI) and total copper for groundwater remediation sites. In addition, the amendment also proposes minor edits and corrections, consistent with applicable water quality control plans and regulations. Finally, the amendment clarifies Notice of Intent requirements for existing discharges when they reapply.

## 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: 22/23 August 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Physical Meeting Location with Remote Meeting Option

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 **Dischargers** enrolled under the Limited Threat General Order (Dischargers) are parties to this proceeding. As a party, a Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **17 July 2024** 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 July 2024** 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.

## 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 **20 August 2024**.

## 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 **Dischargers** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Dischargers are invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they believe 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/). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Redding Office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California, 96002; the Rancho Cordova Office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670; or the Fresno Office at 1685 E. Street, Fresno, California, 93706 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 Walter Mobley at (916) 464-4805 or Walter.Mobley@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

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ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

17 June 2024