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

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS NPDES PERMIT CAG135001 FOR COLD WATER CONCENTRATED AQUATIC ANIMAL PRODUCTION FACILITY DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Order R5-2019-0079, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facility Discharges to Surface Water (CAAP General Order), on 5 December 2019. This General Order applies to individuals, public agencies, private businesses, and other legal entities that operate facilities that meet the definition of a cold water concentrated aquatic animal production (CAAP) facility, as defined in section 122.24 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and that discharge to surface water bodies.

The CAAP General Order expires on 31 January 2025. A proposed NPDES permit renewal has been developed for reissuance of the CAAP General Order that includes approval of new aquaculture drugs and implementation of two new policies that became effective after the 2019 permit adoption, namely the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs under the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS) Program and the State Policy for Water Quality Control, Toxicity Provisions.

Existing Dischargers shall remain covered under the previous permit (Order R5-2019-0079) until: (i) a new NOA is issued for coverage under this General Order, or (ii) permit coverage is terminated pursuant to the terms of the previous permit. The Central Valley Water Board plans to issue updated Notices of Applicability to existing enrollees who submitted a completed Notice of Intent under the terms of the previous permit.

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: 19/20 June 2025
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 written comment period has closed for this item. Interested persons were previously invited to submit written comments concerning the tentative Order. Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing, dated 30 January 2025, comments were due by 5:00 p.m. on 3 March 2025.

Written materials submitted after the close of the written comment period will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record, absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

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 **17 June 2025**.

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 Rancho Cordova Office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670 on 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 Saranya Elankovan at (916) 464-4742 or saranya.elankovan@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Originally Signed by
Adam Laputz on 30 January 2025

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