Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR

TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2019-0024

FOR
SHERWOOD HILLS, LLC; JAY LLC; STEIR BERTON TRUST; HOMEWOOD MOUNTAIN PARTNERS, LLC; FAMOSO HILLS RANCH, LLC; YUROSEK FARMS, LLC; AND E & B NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

PRODUCED WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT
MCVAN AREA TREATMENT FACILITY
POSO CREEK OIL FIELD
KERN COUNTY

A tentative Order amending Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2019-0024 (WDRs) is proposed for Sherwood Hills, LLC, Jay LLC, Steir Berton Trust, Homewood Mountain Partners LLC, Famoso Hills Ranch LLC, Yurosek Farms LLC, and E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (collectively referred to as Discharger hereafter) in Kern County. The tentative Order proposes the following: requires the blending of produced wastewater prior to being reused for irrigation; includes a daily maximum concentration for boron; and adds a new sampling location. The proposed modifications are the result of a revised Report of Waste Discharge that was submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by the Discharger.

Public Hearing Date and Location

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: 19-20 June 2025

TIME: To Be Determined

PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Remote meeting option via video teleconference

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, 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 Board's website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings). The final meeting agenda will be available at least **10 days before the meeting** at the website above. 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 and may present evidence, including oral testimony. 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 26 May 2025 via email to Joshua.Mahoney@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 26 May 2025 via email to Joshua.Mahoney@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 Central Valley Water Board by 12:00 p.m. on 12 June 2025. Please contact Josh Mahoney at Joshua.Mahoney@waterboards.ca.gov.

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** and any other designated Party will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation, including any witness examination, and closing statement. The Discharger and any other designated Party 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 three 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 calling (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

A copy of the tentative Order and related documents are available on the Central Valley Water Board's website Tentative Orders Page (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 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007 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. A copy of the tentative Order and related documents are also available upon request by contacting Josh Mahoney by email at Joshua.Mahoney@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 444- 2449.

Central Valley Water Board Contact

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Josh Mahoney by email at Joshua.Mahoney@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 444-2449. Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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