

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT CA0081434
FOR
THE CITY OF GALT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RECLAMATION FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The City of Galt (Discharger) owns and operates the City of Galt, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Reclamation Facility located at 10059 Twin Cities Road in Galt, California, in Sacramento County. The Facility discharges up to 3.0 million gallons per day of ultraviolet disinfected and filtered effluent to Skunk Creek, which is tributary to Laguna Creek, a water of the United States. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) have classified the discharge as a major discharge.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2015-0123 (NPDES Permit), adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 11 December 2015. The NPDES permit contains final effluent limitations for zinc. The Discharger has made diligent efforts to comply with the final effluent limitations through the construction of facility upgrades. The facility upgrades have resulted in a change in the characterization of the discharge that reduces the toxicity of zinc and will result in the removal of the zinc effluent limitations for the next NPDES renewal scheduled for early 2021. The Discharger has demonstrated that additional time to comply is needed in order to allow Central Valley Water Board staff to complete the renewal of an updated NPDES Permit that removes the effluent limitations for zinc. A Time Schedule Order is proposed extending the existing schedule for compliance with the final effluent limitations until 1 July 2021 for zinc.

Any member of the public may request an oral hearing before the Executive Officer. If no oral hearing is requested, the public comment period, and the Executive Officer's review of the administrative record, including any written comments, shall constitute the public hearing. Based on comments received, the Executive Officer may decide to hold an oral hearing or the matter will be considered at the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: Board Meeting Dates, 10/11 December 2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

If this matter is considered at a public hearing, the designated party is as follows:

- The City of Galt representatives

Only designated 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. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such 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 no later than **5:00 p.m. on 21 November 2020**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board email RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on 21 November 2020**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 21 November 2020** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any person requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will 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 Board Chair or Executive Officer.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Tyson Pelkofer at (916) 464-4853 or Tyson.Pelkofer@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from 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 office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If a public hearing for this TSO is held at the 10/11 December 2020 Central Valley Water Board meeting, **the [Final Meeting Agenda](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#) (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) 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 the Central Valley Water Board Office at (916) 464-3291.

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) 464-3291 at least 10 business 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.

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