

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING
REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2026-XXXX
AND
TENTATIVE ORDER RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER R5-2017-0012
FOR
HARRIS RANCH BEEF COMPANY AND TRI WEST INVESTMENTS, LLC
SELMA BEEF PROCESSING FACILITY
FRESNO COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Orders at a public meeting scheduled for:

**DATE: 10/11 December 2026
TIME: TBD
PLACE: Central Valley Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued. A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the 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 proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, [Central Valley Water Board's website](#) at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](#) at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html).

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov at least five 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. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov.

Opportunities to Comment

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to rescind the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 5 November 2026. Please email any comments to Virat.Kang@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Tentative Orders for the Selma Beef Processing Facility." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Virat Kang
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

Oral comments concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain designated parties may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The parties subject to the proposed Order are designated parties. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on 5 November 2026. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

If adopted, the tentative revised waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order will revise current WDRs for the management of waste discharged from the Selma Beef

Processing Facility (Facility), located at 16277 S. McCall Ave in Selma. The Facility is an industrial food processing facility that processes beef cattle throughout the year. The Facility and associated existing land application areas (LAAs) are owned and operated by the Harris Ranch Beef Company (Harris) and is currently regulated by WDRs Order R5-2017-0021, which authorizes the discharge of up to 1 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated beef processing wastewater to double-lined storage ponds prior to discharge to a 186-acre LAA. Treatment at the Facility includes dissolved air floatation, an anaerobic digester, aerated activated sludge treatment, and a clarifier. Clarified wastewater is then stored in the storage ponds prior to discharge to the LAAs.

An additional 35 acres of farmland owned by Tri West Investments, LLC (Tri West) are available and proposed for the discharge of treated wastewater from the Facility. As such, Tri West and Harris are collectively referred to as Discharger in the revised tentative WDRs Order. Additionally, the Discharger identified an inconsistency in the currently permitted flow (1 mgd) and the treatment capacity of wastewater system (0.75 mgd). Therefore, revised WDRs are necessary to reflect current operations and waste discharge to land at the Facility.

The proposed tentative WDRs Order would rescind WDRs Order R5-2017-0021 and authorize:

- A monthly average maximum daily flow limit of 0.75 mgd to the treatment system and annual flow limit of 234 million gallons per year to the LAAs.
- Continued advanced treatment of the process wastewater
- Compliance with the Salt Control Program and Nitrate Control Programs
- A cycle average BOD loading limit of 50 lbs/ac/day.
- A Performance-Based Effluent Limit of 850 mg/L for FDS (annual average)
- Preparation and implementation of an updated Wastewater Nutrient Management Plan, an updated Groundwater Assessment Work Plan, and a Salinity Evaluation and Minimization Work Plan
- Influent, effluent, pond, LAA, soil, and groundwater monitoring

Additionally, the tentative rescission Order, would rescind Cease and Desist Order (CDO) R5-2017-0012 issued to Harris on 24 February 2017 for the Facility. The Discharger has satisfied the conditions of the CDO, and, therefore, it is appropriate to rescind CDO R5-2017-0012.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at:

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone at (559) 445-5116 on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Virat Kang at (559) 488-4345 or Virat.Kang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Other Information

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](#) at

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov.

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