

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE
TENTATIVE NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY
FOR COVERAGE UNDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS/NPDES PERMIT
(ORDER R5-2023-0025; NPDES CAG585001)
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET OBJECTIVES/
CRITERIA AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER
FOR
NEVADA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1
LAKE WILDWOOD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
NEVADA COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have determined that the Lake Wildwood Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) remains eligible for coverage under General Order R5-2023-0025 for Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order). Enclosed is a tentative Notice of Applicability (NOA) for the Facility.

The Facility, located in the Lake Wildwood and Penn Valley service areas, serves approximately 8,100 residents. It has a design capacity of 0.69 MGD and includes key infrastructure such as headworks with screening and odor control, a flow equalization basin, a lined emergency storage basin, nitrification/denitrification basins, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, dual media filters, and UV disinfection. The treated effluent is discharged into Deer Creek, a tributary of the Yuba River. Biosolids are processed through a Walker tank, dewatered with a belt filter press, and either landfilled or applied to agricultural land. The Central Valley Water Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency classify the Facility as a minor facility.

The Facility is currently authorized to discharge under previous Municipal General Order R5-2017-0085-02 through NOA R5-2017-0085-012 to discharge municipal wastewater to Deer Creek, a water of the United States in Nevada County, and tributary of the Yuba River. The tentative NOA, once final and effective, would provide coverage for the Facility's discharge under the current Municipal General Order, at which time the terms

and conditions in NOA R5-2017-0085-012 will cease to be effective except for enforcement purposes.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the tentative NOA should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on **20 November 2025** in order for the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer to give them full consideration prior to the finalization and issuance of the NOA. Please submit comments or recommendations to this office [via email](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov) to RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy [email](mailto:Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov) to Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov.

After the close of the public comment period Central Valley Water Board staff will review comments, respond as necessary, and the tentative NOA may be revised if appropriate. If substantial written comments are not received by the due date, the Executive Officer will issue the final NOA in accordance with the Municipal General Order. If substantial comments are received by the due date, any member of the public may request an oral hearing before the Central Valley Water Board. If deemed appropriate by the Executive Officer, a subsequent notice of public hearing will be issued so the matter can be considered at a future Central Valley Water Board meeting.

The tentative NOA is available on the Central Valley Water Board [website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). The Municipal General Order is available online from the [webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2023-0025.pdf) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2023-0025.pdf).

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NOA or would like to request a copy of the Municipal General Order, contact Will Chen at (916) 464-4645 or [email](mailto:Will.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov) to Will.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure:
Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa
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