



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

1 March 2022

John Wanger
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City of Willows
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Willows, CA 95988

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NOTICE

**TENTATIVE NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY
FOR COVERAGE UNDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS/NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
(ORDER R5-2017-0085; NPDES CAG585001)
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET
OBJECTIVES/CRITERIA AT
THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER
FOR
CITY OF WILLOWS
WILLOWS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
GLENN COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has determined that the Willows Wastewater Treatment (Facility) is eligible for coverage under General Order R5-2017-0085 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).

The City of Willows (Discharger) is the owner of the Facility, a Publicly-Owned Treatment Works (POTW). The Facility is operated by Inframark, a contract operator retained by the Discharger. The Facility provides sewerage service for the community of Willows and serves a population of approximately 6,100. The Facility is currently authorized under existing Order R5-2016-0090 (NPDES CA0078034) to discharge disinfected tertiary treated municipal wastewater to Ag Drain C, a tributary to Logan Creek, a water of the United States and tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain in Glenn County. The tentative NOA, once final and effective, would provide coverage for the

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Facility's discharge under the Municipal General Order, at which time the terms and conditions in Order R5-2016-0090 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 **16 March 2022** 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 to RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Stacy Gotham Email: Stacy.Gotham@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.

An electronic copy of the [Municipal General Order](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2017-0085.pdf) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2017-0085.pdf) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website. The tentative NOA is available on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NOA, please contact Michael Collins at (530) 224-4785 or at Michael.Collins@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Bryan J. Smith

Bryan J. Smith, P.E.
Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer

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Enclosure: Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

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Rancho Cordova
State Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch,
Sacramento
State Department of Water Resources, Northern District, Red Bluff
State Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento
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Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Stockton
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