

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2026-XXXX

[TENTATIVE] AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER
R5-2024-0035-001
FOR
ZAMORA PISTACHIO, LLC
ZAMORA PISTACHIO FACILITY
YOLO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Central Valley Water Board), finds:

Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2024-0035

1. On 21 June 2024, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2024-0035 for Zamora Pistachio Facility (Facility), prescribing requirements for the discharge of hulling and process wastewater to a clay-lined pond and approximately 440 acres of land application areas. At the time the WDRs were adopted, the Facility was not yet constructed.
2. Zamor Pistachio, LLC (Discharger) owns and operates the Facility located east of the unincorporated community of Zamora, at 33700 County Road 13, Zamora in Yolo County.

Proposed Amendment

3. On 12 June 2026, the Discharger submitted a request to amend the existing WDRs to reflect updates to the wastewater pond system, conveyance infrastructures, and land application operations, including revising the pond design from a single clay-lined wastewater pond to two ponds constructed with a 60-mil high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner. Subsequently, on 16 June 2026 and 17 June 2026, the Discharger submitted an *Operations and Maintenance Plan* and *Updated Drawing Package*, respectively, documenting the proposed two-pond configuration and liner modifications.
4. This Order amends WDRs Order R5-2024-0035 to incorporate the proposed facility changes and corresponding operational requirements. Attachments B and C have been revised to reflect these changes. The amended WDRs Order is numbered R5-2024-0035-01.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

5. The adoption of this Order, which authorizes a minor alternation to land at an existing facility, is exempt from the procedural requirements of the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 et seq.) (see Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15304).

Procedural Matters

6. All of the above and the supplemental information and details in the Information Sheet and Attachments B and C (incorporated herein), were considered in establishing the following conditions of discharge.
7. The Discharger, interested agencies, and interested persons were notified of the Central Valley Water Board's intent to prescribe the WDRs in this Order, and provided an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations at a public hearing. (Water Code, § 13167.5).
8. At a public meeting, the Central Valley Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Water Code sections 13263 and 13267, that Order R5-2024-0035 is amended (per the table below) to explicitly authorize use of an alternative pond liner. The specific revisions to WDRs Order R5-2024-0035-01, reflected in the Information Sheet and Attachments B and C to this Order, are as follows:

Table 1. Revisions Summary

Finding/Section	Description of Revision(s)
WDRs Order Number	Update Order number references throughout the WDRs to reflect the renumbered Order from R5-2024-0035 to R5-2024-0035-01.
WDRs Certification Section, signature block	Update to include date of WDR amendment adoption.
Finding 1 (Introduction)	Include facility address. Change reference from wastewater pond to wastewater pond system.
Findings 10.c., 12, 19, 24, 54, 55.a, 55.b; Table 6; Discharge Specification F.1; Provision J.1.a	Change from wastewater pond to wastewater pond system, wastewater settling ponds and/or lined wastewater settling ponds throughout where appropriate.
Finding 11 (Facility and Discharge)	Change wastewater pond design from a single compacted clay liner to two 60-mil HDPE lined ponds, revise pond system operations, and update Table 1 Wastewater Pond System Summary.

Finding/Section	Description of Revision(s)
Finding 52 (Antidegradation - salinity)	Change from a single clay-lined to two 60-mil HDPE lined ponds.
Finding 53 (Antidegradation – nitrate as N)	Change from a single clay-lined to two 60-mil HDPE lined ponds.
Finding 54 (Antidegradation – iron and manganese)	Change from compacted clay liner to 60-mil HDPE liner.
Finding 55.b. (Antidegradation)	Change clay-lined to lined with a 60-mil HDPE liner.
Discharge Specification F.6	Change to specify the North and South wastewater settling ponds shall be properly lined from compacted clay liner to 60-mil HDPE liner.
Discharge Specification F.14	Add Discharge Specification requiring the Discharger to regularly inspect the liner condition of the lined wastewater pond(s); maintain and repair the liner as necessary to ensure the integrity is maintained and leakage from the liner is minimized.
Discharge Specification F.15	Add Discharge Specification requiring lined pond(s) be leak-tested at least once every five years using an appropriate performance test (e.g., seepage or leak test, liner leak detection, or geologic evaluation) to verify minimal leakage and compliance with the hydraulic conductivity standard.
Information Sheet	Change from clay-lined to 60-mil HDPE lined pond throughout section. Include use of the existing unlined Irrigation Pond as emergency overflow storage.
Attachment B	Update figure to include an inset drawing of the wastewater pond system.
Attachment C	Update figure to include new settling ponds and flow routes.

Enforcement

If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may refer this matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement, may issue a complaint for administrative civil liability, or may take other enforcement actions. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$10,000 per violation, per day, depending on the violation, pursuant to Wat. Code section 13268, 13350, and 13385. The Central Valley Water Board reserves its right to take any enforcement actions authorized by law.

Administrative Review

Any person aggrieved by this Central Valley Water Board action may petition the State Water Board for review in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2050 et seq. To be timely, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 pm on the 30th day after the date of this Order; if the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 pm on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions are available on the [State Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality). Copies will also be provided upon request.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on XX December 2026.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer