

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND  
PUBLIC HEARING**  
Concerning

*A Tentative Order Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Discharges of Waste Associated with Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Activities, Order R5-2015-0113*

In October 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities, Order WQ 2017-0023-DWQ (Statewide General Order), which applies to discharges of waste from cannabis cultivation activities statewide. The Statewide General Order requires the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board), which also regulates discharges of waste from cannabis cultivation sites, to rescind its Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Discharges of Waste Associated with Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation Activities, Order R5-2015-0113 (Regional General Order) by July 1, 2019.

The tentative order proposes rescinding the Regional General Order, effective June 30, 2019. On this date, Dischargers currently enrolled under the Regional General Order who have not applied for coverage under the Statewide General Order will automatically lose regulatory coverage for their cannabis cultivation activities. Dischargers wishing to continue cultivation activities must enroll in the Statewide General Order.

Staff proposes to present the tentative rescission order for adoption by the Central Valley Water Board at the board's regular meeting on **June 6-7, 2018**. The Central Valley Water Board is seeking public, industry, and agency input on the proposed rescission of the Regional General Order.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board's regularly scheduled meeting on:

**DATE:** 6-7 June 2019  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board office,  
11020 Sun Center Drive; Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670

A final meeting agenda with the specific date for this item and the anticipated order of all agenda items will be available at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the Board's website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings)

Persons wishing to submit written comments or other written materials for this item must submit them to the Central Valley Water Board so they are received no later than **5:00 p.m. on 29 April 2019**. Submit written comments to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cannabis Permitting and Compliance Unit  
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Fax #: 530-224-4857 or e-mail: [Elizabeth.Betancourt@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Betancourt@waterboards.ca.gov)

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting.

Anyone having questions should contact Elizabeth Betancourt, 530-224-4995. Interested parties may download the proposed rescission order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders), or may contact the Central Valley Water Board office via the addresses above for hard copies.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings 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. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/).

Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 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.

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

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