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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will take place online only.

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**You're invited to a  
Mule Creek Watershed Public Briefing  
December 14, 2021  
5:00 – 7:00 pm PDT**

**Remote Participation Only**

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### **PURPOSE**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites you to attend a public briefing to learn about actions being taken to address ongoing water quality concerns related to operations of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR's) Mule Creek State Prison facility (Prison), including discharges of effluent from the Prison to the City of Lone's Tertiary Wastewater Treatment Facilities, influent and effluent from the City of Lone's Tertiary Wastewater Treatment Facility, Preston Reservoir, and recycled water used for irrigation of the Amador Regional Sanitation Authority (ARSA) Castle Oaks Golf Course (COGC).

The purpose of this briefing is to present actions the Central Valley Water Board has taken and will be taking to ensure compliance with all Water Board permits issued to CDCR, the City of Lone, ARSA, and COGC. The briefing will also include an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments.

Land discharge requirements for wastewater treatment plants, storm water discharge permit requirements, sanitary sewer collection system permit requirements, and potential groundwater and/or surface water impacts due to these permitted discharges will be discussed during the public briefing.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION OPTIONS**

**Zoom:** [bit.ly/MuleCreek](https://bit.ly/MuleCreek)      **Phone:** +1-669-900-9128

**Webinar ID:** 931 0963 2151

## **LANGUAGE SERVICES**

To request language interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request by November 30, 2021, by contacting Marina Perez at (916) 322-4265 or [SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **SERVICIO DE INTÉRPRETE**

Solicite un intérprete oral o de señas con Marina Perez en [marina.perez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:marina.perez@waterboards.ca.gov) al 916.322.4265 (a más tardar para el 11/30/21). Indique que es para la Sesión Informativa Pública de Mule Creek del 12/14/21 a las 5pm.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at: (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

## **CONTACT**

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Central Valley Water Board adopted a \$2.5 million settlement (R5-2021-0001) with CDCR for specific unpermitted discharges from Mule Creek State Prison to Mule Creek. Outside of the proposed settlement that was adopted on 18 February 2021 by the Central Valley Water Board and issuance of regulatory coverage under a Statewide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, there are still many ongoing issues with discharges from the site.

Central Valley Water Board staff, in coordination with U.S. EPA Region 9 and the State Water Resources Control Board, have established the Mule Creek State Prison Work Group (Work Group) which is continuing to address the sources and quality of flows from the Prison to Mule Creek.

Proposed updates include:

- Summary of the Work Group's ongoing activities and timelines;
- Compliance status of \$2.5 million settlement and associated Enhanced Compliance Actions;
- MS4 compliance status and issuance of 13383 Order requiring storm water monitoring in Mule Creek;

- New monitoring and reporting program requirements for CDCR and the City to better characterize discharges and revise permits appropriately;
- Compliance status with Industrial Storm Water General Permit;
- Upcoming CDCR and City of Lone wastewater treatment Waste Discharge Requirements revisions; and
- Evaluating compliance with the Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements.

This virtual briefing will explain the proposed updates in more detail and provide an opportunity for public feedback, comments, and questions about water quality concerns in the Mule Creek watershed.