Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

17 November 2026

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT
CONCERNING
PRELIMINARY DRAFT GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
DISCHARGES FROM NUT HULLING AND PROCESSING FACILITIES
WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

Enclosed with this notice is a Preliminary Draft of the *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Nut Hulling and Processing Facilities Within the Central Valley Regional* (or Nut General Order).

The Nut General Order is intended as the primary permitting mechanism for regulating discharges to land from nut hulling and processing facilities, specifically within the almond, pistachio, and walnut industries, throughout the Central Valley Region. Its purpose is to streamline the permitting process across these operations. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff are requesting comments on this Preliminary Draft to help guide the development of the Nut General Order. Staff will review and consider any comments received; however, will not produce a formal response to comments during this preliminary comment period.

A tentative draft of the Nut General Order will be circulated for a separate 30-day public comment period prior to its consideration by the Central Valley Water Board at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for April 2027. Details on the board meeting and how to submit formal comments on the tentative Nut General Order will be provided in a Notice of Public Hearing when the tentative Order is circulated for public comment.

To stay up to date on the development of the Nut General Order, please subscribe to the Groundwater Quality Protection Program email list on the Waste Discharges to Land webpage.

(https://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_land)

Instructions for Commenters

Written comments on the Preliminary Draft Nut General Order are requested by 5:00 p.m. on 8 December 2026.

Comments should be emailed to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and copied to lani.andam@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line “Comments on Preliminary Draft Nut General Order”.

If you prefer to send comments on the Preliminary Draft via mail, please send hard copies to:

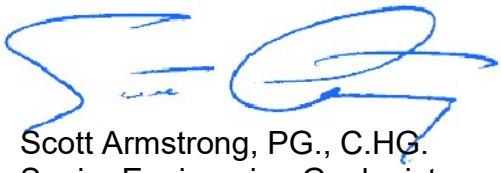
Attention: Lani Andam
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A copy of the Preliminary Draft Nut General Order can be found on the Central Valley Water Boards's Public Notices webpage under the Waste Discharges to Land section.

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For questions about this notice or the Preliminary Draft Nut General Order, contact Lani Andam at (916) 464-4723 or email lani.andam@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Preliminary Draft Nut General Order
- Attachment B – Application/Notice of Intent Form
- Attachment C – Technical Report for Report of Waste Discharge
- Attachment D – Notice of Termination
- Attachment E – Monitoring and Reporting Program