NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2027-0002
and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2027-0002
(Terminating/Replacing Order No. R1-2002-0061)

For

City of Ukiah
Ukiah Solid Waste Disposal Site
Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance
WDID No. 1B75043OMEN, Mendocino County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (North Coast Water Board), proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2027-0002 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2027-0002 (Draft Order) for the City of Ukiah, Ukiah Solid Waste Disposal Site, located at 3100 Vichy Springs Road, approximately three miles east of the city of Ukiah. The Draft Order rescinds and replaces Interim Closure Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-0061. It authorizes and prescribes requirements for final closure construction of the inactive Class III landfill, including an engineered alternative final cover and a full-scale landfill gas collection and control system; establishes post-closure maintenance, monitoring, corrective action, and financial assurance requirements; and conditions the commencement of closure construction on approval of the closure and post-closure maintenance plan and on written confirmation from CalRecycle that financial assurance for closure and post-closure maintenance is in place and funded.

This item will be open for public comment from **November 20, 2026 through 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2027**. Comments and questions regarding the Draft Order should be directed to Chris Watt at Chris.Watt@waterboards.ca.gov.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the Draft Order is scheduled for the North Coast Water Board's February 10, 2027 Board Meeting, or as announced in the North Coast Water Board's agenda. This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in person at 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Please follow the North Coast Water Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item, including format changes.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page (https://video.calepa.ca.gov/). The public hearing will be recorded.

At this time, this meeting is scheduled to occur on February 10, 2027. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code, § 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the North Coast Water Board website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda will specify any updates to the meeting time, location, and format.

In order for the North Coast Water Board to consider any written evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written comments, technical reports, and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the North Coast Water Board by email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov, attention: Chris Watt, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2027**. All documents received timely will be distributed to the North Coast Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the North Coast Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party or the Board. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 648.1 and 648.4).

The North Coast Water Board will accept written and oral comments and evidence regarding this item. Oral comments or testimony at the hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted, or late-accepted, written evidence but shall not introduce new evidence. The time limits for oral testimony or comments will be set by the North Coast Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for North Coast Water Board staff and the Discharger. Testimony given by other interested persons is limited to 5 minutes per speaker. A timer may be used, and all speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive testimony.

Document Review

The Draft Order and related documents are available on the North Coast Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Additionally, the Draft Order and file may be inspected or copied at the North Coast Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA. To arrange an appointment for document review, please call (707) 576-2220.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer
November 20, 2026