

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing
of
Draft Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2024-0004
for
Willow Creek Community Services District
Wastewater Treatment Facility
WDID No. 1B14140RHUM
Humboldt County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2024-0004 (Draft Order) for the Willow Creek Community Services District (CSD) Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility). The Draft Order is for a new wastewater collection, treatment and disposal Facility for the community of Willow Creek.

This item will be available for public comment from **November 14, 2023 through December 18, 2023**. Comments and questions regarding the draft Order should be directed to Roy O'Connor at Roy.O'Connor@waterboards.ca.gov.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the Proposed Order is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's **February 8-9, 2024** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional 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 Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item, including format changes that would allow for in-person attendance at a physical location.

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/#/) (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/#/>). The public hearing will be recorded.

At this time, this meeting is scheduled to occur on **February 8-9, 2024**. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Gov. Code, § 11120 et seq.), an agenda will be posted to the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast) (www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast) at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. The agenda will specify the particular day of the hearing, and any updates to the meeting format.

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In order for the Regional 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 Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov attention: Roy O'Connor, no later than 5:00 p.m., on **December 18, 2023**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional 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 Regional 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 (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

The Regional Water Board will accept written and oral comments and evidence regarding this item. Written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Regional Water Board **no later than December 18, 2023**. 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 limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger is limited to 5 minutes. A timer may be used, and 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 at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Additionally, the Draft Order and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. During the COVID-19 emergency, appointments are required for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer
November 13, 2023