

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**Notice of Public Hearing
of
Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2021-0002
for
Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma Water
Russian River Wastewater Treatment Facility
NPDES No. CA0024058
WDID No. 1B820450SON
Sonoma 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 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2021-0002 for the Russian River County Sanitation District and Sonoma Water Russian River Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) which will replace Order No. R1-2014-0002.

This item will be open for public comment between **March 15, 2021 and April 14, 2021.**

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed permit is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's **June 17/18, 2021** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders (Order Nos. N-29-20 and N-33-20) to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting is scheduled to occur solely via remote participation. 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.

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.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website](#). At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed permit.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov **no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 14, 2021**. 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 the Permittee or the Regional Water Board staff. 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).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board **no later than April 14, 2021**. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. 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 10 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 Dischargers, may be limited to 3 minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Proposed Permit and related documents are available at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](#). Additionally, the Proposed Permit 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 and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-22-30, appointments are required for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

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Executive Officer
March 15, 2021