

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2020-####

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

CALIFORNIA ASBESTOS MONOFILL, INC.

CALAVERAS COUNTY

Waste Management, Inc. (Discharger), owns and operates California Asbestos Monofill, Inc. (Facility), located approximately 5 miles southeast of Copperopolis in Calaveras County. The facility is a former asbestos mine which operated from 1962 through 1987. In 1990, the open pit started operating as an unclassified inert waste landfill LU-1 for asbestos containing waste (ACW). In 1998, the facility started to accept shredded tires. The open pit was operated as an unclassified landfill until 2016 when it ceased to accept waste and the Discharger shifted their focus to facility closure.

The attached tentative Order provides the specifications and requirements for the closure of mining pit/LU-and for the Facility post-closure monitoring and maintenance. The Discharger is proposing to cover LU-1 WMU with at least two feet of rock reject, to grade the cover to maximum slopes of 3:1, and to allow mining influenced water to accumulate in the pit to form a shallow lake. This Order requires the maintenance of pit as a groundwater sink with the water level below 478 feet mean sea level. Furthermore, the tentative Order requires that the Discharger submits the Final Post-closure Monitoring and Maintenance Plan with cost estimates and establishes a financial assurance mechanism for this purpose.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 10/11 December 2020  
TIME: 8:30 A.M.  
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

In accordance with Executive Orders suspending certain provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted as an online meeting only. Please visit our website for information on [How To Participate In Online Meetings](#)

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/2006/#howtoattend](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/2006/#howtoattend)).

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Waste Management, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **5 p.m. on 2 November 2020**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Tentative waste discharge requirements for the facility were issued for public comment on **2 October 2020**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5:00 p.m. on 2 November 2020**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Further information about the facility and the proposed requirements can be found in the Findings and Information Sheet of the tentative Order available on the [Central Valley Water Board's website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders) ([www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders)).

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The [final meeting agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order.

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Anyone having questions on these tentative revised WDRs for Waste Management should contact Natasha Vidic at (916) 464-4614, or by email at [Natasha.Vidic@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Natasha.Vidic@Waterboards.ca.gov).

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. [Information on Meeting and Hearing Procedures](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)) is also available on the Board website or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Administrative Assistant at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Administrative Assistant at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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John Baum, Assistant Executive Officer

2 October 2020