

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2022-XXXX  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0085359  
FOR  
CITY OF LATHROP  
CONSOLIDATED TREATMENT FACILITY  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

The City of Lathrop (Discharger) is the owner of the Consolidated Treatment Facility (Facility), located at 18800 Christopher Way, Lathrop, CA 95330. The Facility provides sewerage service for the communities in the western and southern portions of the City of Lathrop, the Crossroads Commercial Center area, and Lathrop Gateway Business Park and serves a population of approximately 13,200. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 2.5 million gallons per day. The Facility proposes a new discharge of tertiary treated municipal and industrial wastewater to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Facility's proposed discharge point is located at the east side bank of San Joaquin River approximately a mile and a quarter south of the River Highlands Parkway Bridge.

The tentative Order includes effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, ammonia, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, bromoform, chloroform, barium, electrical conductivity, lead, pH, temperature, nitrate plus nitrite, residual chlorine, total coliform organisms, diazinon, chlorpyrifos, total mercury, methylmercury, and acute toxicity. The tentative Order proposed the authorization of a human health mixing zone and dilution credits for development of the effluent limitations for dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, bromoform, chloroform, and barium.

**Public Hearing Date and Location**

A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18 February 2022  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Cal/EPA Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; and  
Remote Meeting via Video Teleconference

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings)).

The [final meeting agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the tentative Order.

### **Nature and Purpose of Hearing**

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](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 California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

### **Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence**

The **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **20 December 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Interested persons** include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment, in writing, on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **20 December 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov).

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

### **Requesting Party Status**

Persons who wish to participate in the hearing as a party must submit a request in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **20 December 2021** to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov). The request must include facts demonstrating how the person will be substantially affected by the proceeding.

The Board Chair will not designate a person as a party if the Board Chair determines the designation will impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. The Board Chair, when granting a request for party status, may impose

restrictions on the requestor's hearing participation, including limiting or excluding the use of cross-examination and other procedures to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

### **Visual Presentations**

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the below Central Valley Water Board Contact by 12:00 p.m. on 15 February 2022.

### **Hearing Procedure and Time Limits**

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation and closing statement. The Discharger invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time it believes is necessary.

**Interested persons** may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have 3 minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

### **Hearing Accommodations**

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an email to [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 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.

### **Availability of Documents**

The tentative Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley 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. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

**Central Valley Water Board Contact**

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Armando Martinez at (916) 464-4617 or by email at [Armando.Martinez@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Armando.Martinez@Waterboards.ca.gov).

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

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Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer