

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 AMENDING  
GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER  
R5-2017-0085-01  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CAG585001  
FOR  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET  
OBJECTIVES/CRITERIA AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order) on 11 August 2017 and amended on 16 April 2020. The Municipal General Order is for major and minor discharges from publicly owned treatment works or privately owned treatment works. The Municipal General Order is for facilities that provide secondary, advanced-secondary, or tertiary treatment for municipal and domestic wastewater and comply with effluent limitations at the point of discharge to receiving surface waters within the Central Valley Region.

A tentative Order is proposed to amend the Municipal General Order to include effluent limitations for selenium and thallium based on California Toxics Rule criteria for protection of freshwater aquatic life and protection of human health, respectively, and editorial changes.

**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: 21/22 April 2022  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Online Meeting  
AND  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Fresno Branch Office  
1685 "E" Street  
Fresno, CA 93706-2007

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 **Dischargers** enrolled under the Municipal General Order are 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 March 2022** 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 March 2022** 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.

### **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 **19 April 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 **Dischargers** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Dischargers are invited to

contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they believe 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 e-mail 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 can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Redding Office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California, 96002; the Rancho Cordova Office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670; or the Fresno Office at 1685 E. Street, Fresno, California, 93706 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 Michelle Snapp at (916) 464-4824 or [Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Snapp@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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