

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2023-XXXX  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0004821  
FOR  
REYNOLDS CONSUMER PRODUCTS LLC  
REYNOLDS MOLDED PULP MILL  
TEHAMA COUNTY**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

Reynolds Consumer Products LLC (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Reynolds Molded Pulp Mill (Facility), located at 1000 Diamond Avenue, Red Bluff, CA 96007 in Tehama County. The Facility owns and operates a molded pulp processing plant, process wastewater treatment system, and disposal conveyance lines. The Facility provides treatment for 2.7 million gallons per day of process wastewater. The Facility discharges treated wastewater to the Sacramento River, a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2017-0014, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 24 February 2017. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit.

The tentative Order proposes effluent limitations and other requirements to implement the State Policy for Water Quality Control: Toxicity Provisions (as amended Oct. 5, 2021) ("Toxicity Provisions"). The Toxicity Provisions will take effect upon approval by U.S. EPA. If U.S. EPA does not approve the Toxicity Provisions before the public hearing, Central Valley Water Board staff will propose revisions to the tentative Order to remove these requirements and include monitoring requirements, and, as appropriate, effluent or receiving water limitations for chronic and acute toxicity based on the Basin Plan's narrative toxicity objective and the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (2005).

## 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: 27/28 April 2023  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers,  
1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301  
and  
Online Meeting

The [final meeting agenda](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/) 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 **24 March 2023** 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 **24 March 2023** 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 **24 April 2023**.

## 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 is 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 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 may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, #205, Redding, California 96002 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 Stacy Gotham at (530) 224-4993 or [Stacy.Gotham@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stacy.Gotham@waterboards.ca.gov).

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

*Original signed by Clint E. Snyder*

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