

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SIX
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(NPDES) TENTATIVE PERMITS**

**IN RESPONSE TO
*CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO v.
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (2025)*
145 U.S. 704**

Proposed Changes Information

On 4 March 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision holding that the Clean Water Act does not authorize the inclusion of “end result” provisions (such as receiving water limitations) in NPDES Permits (*City and County of San Francisco vs. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2025) 145 U.S. 704*). This ruling impacts a number of pending NPDES permitting actions within the Central Valley Region. To comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have made proposed revisions to the following six tentative NPDES permits scheduled for the 19/20 June 2025 Board Meeting:

1. [Cold Water Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Facility Discharges to Surface Waters \(CAAP\) General Order Renewal](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/caap_go/caap_go_to.pdf), NPDES No. CAG135001 (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/caap_go/caap_go_to.pdf)
2. [City of Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant \(WWTP\) Permit Renewal](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/davis_wwtp/davis_wwtp_npdes.pdf), Yolo County, NPDES No. CA0079049 (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/davis_wwtp/davis_wwtp_npdes.pdf)
3. [City of Stockton Wastewater Recovery Center \(WWRC\) Permit Renewal](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/cityofstockton/stockton_wwrc_npdes_tent.pdf), San Joaquin County, NPDES No. CA0079138 (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/cityofstockton/stockton_wwrc_npdes_tent.pdf)
4. [City of Vacaville Easterly WWTP Permit Renewal](#), Solano County, NPDES No. CA0077691

- (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/cityofvacaville/vacaville_ewwtp_tent_npdes.pdf)
5. [Shasta-Sustainable Resource Management, Inc. Permit Renewal](#), Shasta County, NPDES No. CA0081957
(https://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ssrm/ssrm_npdes.pdf)
 6. [United States Department of the Interior \(USDI\) National Park Service, Yosemite National Park, El Portal Wastewater Treatment Facility \(WWTF\) Permit Renewal](#), Mariposa County, NPDES No. CA0081759
(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/elportal/nps_elportalwwtf_npdes.pdf)

Central Valley Water Board staff developed a 2025 technical memorandum, *A Review of Receiving Water Limitations in Six National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Tentative Permits*, which provides a detailed analysis of the six NPDES tentative permits listed above to consider whether additional permit conditions need to be included with the removal of their receiving water limitations to meet federal and state regulations for protecting beneficial uses. Central Valley Water Board staff also developed a revisions document outlining the specific proposed changes to each of the tentative permits listed above that Board staff have deemed necessary to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Public Hearing Date and Location

A public hearing concerning the proposed Orders listed above, and proposed changes to these Orders, will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 19/20 June 2025
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Physical meeting with remote meeting option.

The [final meeting agenda](#) (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 proposed Orders, including the proposed receiving water limitation changes to these Orders. 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

Interested parties must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **5 June 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at 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 proposed receiving water limitation changes for NPDES permits shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **5 June 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at 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 **17 June 2025**.

Hearing Procedure and Time Limits

The hearing on the proposed Orders 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 **Parties** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Parties 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 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 proposed revisions document, technical memo 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/). 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 Victor Lopez at (916) 464-4855 or Victor.Lopez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer