

**27 AUGUST 2026 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 10

SUBJECT:

GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Renewal (CAS0085324)

BACKGROUND:

The Central Valley Water Board adopted a Region-wide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit on 23 June 2016 ("Region-wide MS4 Permit"). All Phase I MS4s within the Central Valley region as well as the Phase II portion of the County of San Joaquin are currently enrolled in the Region-wide MS4 Permit, which expired on 30 September 2021 and was administratively extended. Additionally, Phase II MS4 Permittees located within the Central Valley region are either covered under the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) statewide Phase II MS4 General Order (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) No. CAS000004, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water Discharges from Small MS4s*, State Water Board Order WQ 2013-0001-DWQ or subsequent renewal), or they may be enrolled in the current Region-wide MS4 Permit.

In order to continue the development of the Permittees' storm water programs, the Central Valley Water Board is continuing the requirements of the previous permit, which promotes greater watershed/drainage shed coordination, water quality measure protections, and program implementation efficiencies with updates to incorporate new policies and other regulations adopted subsequent to the Region-wide MS4 Permit's initial adoption in 2016. The proposed Order continues with a Pollutant Prioritization approach for the Permittee to implement a Storm Water Management Program as described in its Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). If the Permittee does not succeed in implementation of the Pollutant Prioritization approach, this Order requires implementation of a Prescriptive approach which serves as a "backstop".

ISSUES:

The tentative Order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 10 June 2026 with comments due on 10 July 2026. Public comments were received from the following Dischargers: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, City of Stockton & County of San Joaquin, Port of Stockton, Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (Cities of

Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento and County of Sacramento, and Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation. A Response to Comments document is included in the agenda package that summarizes the written comments followed by responses by Central Valley Water Board staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the proposed NPDES Permit

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	AW	8/7/2026
Legal Review:	KK	8/7/2026

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting
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