



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2025-00XX FOR PRODUCED WASTEWATER REUSE IN KERN COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed is tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2025-00XX (Order) for Trio Petroleum LLC and Cawelo Water District (collectively referred to as Discharger hereafter) in Kern County. The tentative Order would regulate the discharge and reuse of treated oil field produced wastewater (produced wastewater or discharge) for the irrigation of crops for human consumption. The tentative Order was prepared after the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or "Board") received a Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) by the Discharger, and conducted a substantive review of that document. Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the RWD and found that preparing a tentative Order to be considered by the Board for adoption was appropriate.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 19-20 June 2025
TIME: To Be Determined
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Remote meeting option 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

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should visit the [Board's website](#) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings). The final meeting agenda will be available at least **10 days before the meeting** at the website above. 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.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the enclosed tentative Order must be submitted to this office by 5:00 pm on 29 May 2025 in order for them to receive full consideration prior to the Board meeting. Comments received after this time will not be considered or included in the administrative record unless allowed by the Board's Chair. In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the tentative Order has been sent only to the Discharger. Interested parties are advised that the full text of the tentative Order is available on the Central Valley Water Board's web site at [Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders web page](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) under the heading of "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Regional Board Meetings".

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Josh Mahoney by email at Joshua.Mahoney@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 444-2449. Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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Enclosures: Notice of Public Hearing
Tentative Order

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