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
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2027-XXXX
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0085359
FOR
CITY OF LATHROP
CONSOLIDATED TREATMENT FACILITY
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The City of Lathrop (Discharger) is the owner of the Consolidated Treatment Facility (Facility), a Publicly-Owned Treatment Works (POTW). The Facility provides sewerage service for domestic and a relatively small amount of commercial wastewater from the master planned communities in the western portion of the City, as well as commercial and industrial wastewater from the Crossroads Commercial Center area, South Lathrop, and Lathrop Gateway Business Park. The Facility handles and treats wastewater generated by an estimated population of 27,017.

The Facility recently completed a treatment capacity expansion and upgrade that resulted in a new design treatment capacity of 4.0 mgd average dry weather flow (ADWF), known as Phase 3. Due to the City's rapid development, the Discharger has initiated design and construction of facilities to expand the Facility permitted discharge flow to 6.0 mgd ADWF by the end of the next permit term, known as Phase 4. The Facility provides secondary and tertiary treatment/filtration, and disinfection of wastewater flows, producing effluent that meets the requirements of disinfected, tertiary recycled water in accordance with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. The Facility discharges treated wastewater to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States. The Facility's discharge point is located at the east side bank of the San Joaquin River approximately a mile and a quarter south of the River Highlands Parkway Bridge.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2022-0004-01, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 18 February 2022, amended on 22 June 2023, and will expire on 31 March 2027.

The proposed tentative Order includes effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, ammonia, copper, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, chloroform, barium, pH, temperature, nitrate plus nitrite,

residual chlorine, total coliform organisms, diazinon, chlorpyrifos, total mercury, methylmercury, and chronic toxicity. The proposed tentative Order authorizes a human health mixing zone and dilution credits for development of effluent limitations for copper, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, chloroform, and barium.

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:	11/12 February 2027
TIME:	8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Regional Water Quality Control Board 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Physical Meeting Location w/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 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/) 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 **07 December 2026** 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 tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **07 December 2026** 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 **05 February 2027.**

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 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 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/). 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 Matt Richter at 916-464-4745 or matthew.richter@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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