



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 WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF MODESTO WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY STANISLAUS COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

- DATE: 19/20 June 2025
- TIME: To be determined
- PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (Physical Meeting Location with Remote Meeting Option)

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is **issued.** A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the 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 proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, <u>Central Valley Water Board's website</u> at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the GovDelivery subscription list at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html).

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or <u>Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov</u> at least five 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. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing <u>opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

Opportunities to Comment

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 13 May 2025. Please email any comments to dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Dina Calanchini Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

Oral comments concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain **designated parties** may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party subject to the proposed Order is the designated party. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 13 May 2025**. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

If adopted, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2025-XXXX will prescribe requirements for management of waste discharged from the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility. The Facility consists of three components: the Sutter Plant, the Jennings Plant, and the Modesto Ranch. The components are located at 1221 Sutter Avenue in Modesto (Sutter Plant) and 7007 Jennings Road, in Modesto (Jennings Plant and Modesto Ranch). The WQCF is owned and operated by the City of Modesto (Discharger). The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with Order requirements. The WQCF collects and treats domestic and industrial wastewater. Treated wastewater (recycled water) and biosolids are used as irrigation for crops and as a soil amendment, respectively, at the Modesto Ranch. The Facility's waste discharges are currently regulated under WDRs Order 94-030 (for biosolids) and Order 99-112 (for land application of recycled water). If adopted, the proposed WDRs Order R5-2025-XXXX will rescind and replace the previous WDRs Orders and will result in revised and updated limits, inclusion of the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs, among others.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's <u>Tentative Orders website</u>, under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 or by contacting the Board by phone at (916) 464-3291, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Dina Calanchini at (916) 464-4740 or dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov.

Other Information

The Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's <u>Meeting Procedures webpage</u> at

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are <u>not</u> conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or <u>Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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