
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

4 February 2026

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT concerning **PRELIMINARY GENERAL ORDER FOR LARGE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is developing a general order for domestic wastewater treatment systems that treat flows greater than 100,000 gallons per day and discharge treated wastewater to land. Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) have prepared a Preliminary General Order (Preliminary General Order), which is attached to this Notice.

Staff are requesting written public comments on the Preliminary General Order to help guide its development. Staff will review and consider comments received during this initial public comment, but will not produce any formal responses to comments received during this preliminary comment period.

A tentative draft of the General Order will be recirculated for a separate 30-day public comment period prior to its consideration by the Central Valley Water Board at a public hearing. Staff currently anticipates that the General Order will be considered for adoption at the June 2026 Central Valley Water Board Meeting. Details of the Board Meeting and how to comment on the tentative General Order will be provided in the Notice of Public Hearing when the tentative General Order is circulated for public comment.

To stay up to date on the development of the General Order, please subscribe to the Non-15 Program email list on the [Waste Discharges to Land webpage](#).

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_land/)

Instructions for Commenters

Written comments on the Preliminary Order are requested by 5:00 p.m. on 25 February 2026.

Comments should be emailed to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and chad.neptune@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line: **"Comments on the Preliminary Large Domestic WWTPs General Order"**

If you prefer to mail hard copies, please send them to:

Chad Neptune
Senior Engineering Geologist
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Preliminary Large Domestic WWTPs General Order
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

A copy of the Preliminary General Order can be found on the [Central Valley Regional Water Board's Public Notices](#) webpage under the Waste Discharges to Land section.

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/)

For questions about this notice or the Preliminary General Order, please contact Chad K. Neptune at (559) 445-5584 or Chad.Neptune@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Digitally Signed by
Dr. Matthew S. Buffleben
Supervising Water Resources Engineer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: Preliminary General Order (without Attachment B – Information Sheet / Definitions)