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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

concerning

**PROPOSED ORDER NO. R3-2023-0033  
WASTE DISCHARGE AND WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS**

**PURE WATER SOQUEL  
GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT REUSE PROJECT**

**SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) is accepting comments on proposed Order No. R3-2023-0033, Waste Discharge and Water Reclamation Requirements for the Pure Water Soquel Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project, Soquel Creek Water District (Permit). You may download the proposed Permit from the Central Coast Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders)

The Soquel Creek Water District owns and operates the Pure Water Soquel Advanced Water Purification Facility and associated injection wells, monitoring wells, and conveyance pipelines, collectively referred to as the Pure Water Soquel Project. The Pure Water Soquel Project will produce and discharge advanced treated recycled water into the Santa Cruz Mid-County groundwater basin. The Advanced Water Purification Facility is located at 2505 Chanticleer Avenue in Santa Cruz, California.

The project goals are to supplement natural recharge to the groundwater basin, help mitigate the impacts of seawater intrusion, and help provide water supply resiliency and reliability. A portion of the injected water will be extracted by the Soquel Creek Water District's production wells for potable use.

A public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Permit for the production and discharge of advanced treated recycled water to the Santa Cruz Mid-County groundwater basin will be held during the Central Coast Water Board meeting scheduled for :

**December 14-15, 2023**  
Central Coast Water Board Offices  
895 Aerovista Place - Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

The final meeting agenda and staff report will be available at least 10 days before the Board meeting, at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/)

The agenda will provide the specific date this item will be considered during the Board meeting, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed Permit.

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Persons interested in providing written comments on the proposed Permit are encouraged to submit comments by electronic mail. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2023**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted and will not be included in the administrative record absent a ruling by the Central Coast Water Board Chair. Any person requesting to submit late comments must demonstrate good cause for the late submission and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Coast Water Board or the Discharger. All interested persons and the Discharger may speak at the public meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral comments will be limited in time by the Chair.

Written comments are to be sent to the Waste Discharge Requirements Unit by email (must be no more than 15 megabytes) [RB3-WDR@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB3-WDR@Waterboards.ca.gov) or by mail to:

Waste Discharge Requirements Unit  
Central Coast Water Board  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please also indicate in the subject line “**Comment Letter – Pure Water Soquel**”

Please direct any questions about this notice to the Waste Discharge Requirements Unit at [RB3-WDR@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB3-WDR@Waterboards.ca.gov).

### **FUTURE NOTICES**

The Central Coast Water Board will hold the public meeting at the time and place noted above. Any change in the date, time, and place of the Board Meeting will be noticed through the e-mail distribution list and posted on the Central Coast Water Board's website. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning changes to the notice of public meeting and consideration of adoption, must sign up for the e-mail distribution list. To sign up for the e-mail distribution email list, access the Central Coast Water Board E-mail Subscription form, select the box for 'Board Meeting Agenda', and provide the required information. The subscription form is located at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg3\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.html)

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.