

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R3-2024-0045
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT NO. CA0048551
MONTEREY ONE REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
MONTEREY COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to authorize the discharge of secondary-treated wastewater and hauled saline wastes from the Monterey One Water Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (Regional WWTP) and the disposal of reverse osmosis concentrate from the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) by issuance of waste discharge requirements (permit). The wastewater treatment facility currently serves a population of approximately 279,000 individuals, providing regional wastewater treatment, disposal, and reclamation services for the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Marina, and Salinas; the Seaside County Sanitation District; the Castroville, Moss Landing, and Boronda Community Services Districts; and Fort Ord. Secondary-treated effluent from the Regional WWTP is diverted for various reuses purposes. A portion of the secondary effluent undergoes advanced treatment in the AWPF and is injected into the Seaside groundwater basin as part of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) water supply project. Depending on the season, up to 100% of the remaining secondary-treated effluent from the WWTP is sent to the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP) for tertiary treatment and irrigation of farmland in the northern Salinas Valley.

The revised permit includes modified minimum initial dilution values to account for the increased volume of reverse osmosis concentrate that will be produced as part of the Pure Water Monterey water supply project expansion. The revised permit also includes new and modified water quality monitoring requirements for both tertiary and secondary-treated effluent, updated facilities descriptions, and one new parameter-specific water quality-based effluent limit.

A copy of the proposed waste discharge requirements can be found on the Central Coast Water Board's tentative orders page at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the proposed waste discharge requirements on:

December 12-13, 2024

*This meeting will be held at the Central Coast Water Board Offices
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo*

Information is available as part of the meeting agenda, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2024/2024_agendas.html

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board by email at centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov or to the San Luis Obispo address above no later than 12:00 pm on **October 28, 2024**. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the proposed waste discharge requirements after 12:00 pm **October 28, 2024**, unless the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by 12:00 pm on **October 28, 2024**. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The permit application, fact sheet, related documents, and all comments received may be inspected and copied by the public. Please submit any requests to review documents electronically to Leah Lemoine at (805) 549-3159 or leah.lemoine@waterboards.com. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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