
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding

**TENTATIVE ORDER R3-2026-0057
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA3000003**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE MONTEREY ONE WATER REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT AND ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY AND THE CALIFORNIA
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY
PROJECT DESALINATION PLANT DISCHARGE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN,
MONTEREY COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public comments on the tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, including a California Water Code section 13142.5 (b) determination, for the California American Water Company's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Water Project. The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the order. You may download the tentative NPDES permit associated attachments from the Central Coast Water Board website at the following address:

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

The tentative NPDES permit includes new and updated requirements for Monterey One Water's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and Advanced Water Purification Facility, and will establish permit requirements for the California American Water Company's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Desalination Plant discharges to the Pacific Ocean, near the City of Marina in Monterey County. The Central Coast Water Board currently regulates ocean discharges from Monterey One Water's Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility and Advanced Water Purification Facility through Order R3-2024-0045, NPDES Permit CA0048551. Additional documents related to the Central Coast Water Board's consideration of the tentative NPDES permit will be posted on the Board's website, at the address above, no later than 10 days before the date of the hearing on this matter.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS BY 10:00 AM ON AUGUST 31, 2026

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board no later than 10:00 AM on **August 31, 2026**. Please electronically submit

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comments or questions with the subject line “**Comment Letter, Monterey One Water and CalAm Joint NPDES Permit**” to:

rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.

Written comments can also be mailed or delivered to:

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

All comments received by that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the NPDES permit. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the tentative NPDES permit after 10:00 AM on **August 31, 2026**, 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 10:00 AM on **August 31, 2026**. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 10-11, 2026

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing on **December 10-11, 2026**, to consider the issuance of the tentative NPDES permit at the following location:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the tentative order. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments. The proposed NPDES permit, a staff report, and documents related to the Central Coast Water Board's consideration of the NPDES permit will be posted no later than 10 days before the hearing date. Information will be available as part of the meeting agenda, at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2026/2026_agendas.html

STAFF CONTACT AND DOCUMENTS

The permit applications, fact sheet, related documents, and all comments received may be downloaded as set forth above, and they are also available for inspection and copying by the public. Please submit any requests to review documents electronically to rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please direct questions pertaining to the tentative NPDES permit to rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov or to Drew Friedrichs at (805) 549-3333.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The tentative NPDES permit is available in English. To request translation of written documents, interpretation services in another language or sign language services, please use one of the following options:

- Submit a [Language Services Request](#) online
- Call the Office of Public Participation at (916) 445-5615
- Email the Office of Public Participation at opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

La Junta Regional para el Control de la Calidad del Agua (Regional Water Quality Control Board) está notificándoles a todas aquellas personas interesadas sobre la orden preliminar de las plantas de tratamiento de aguas residuales de Agua Uno de Monterey (Monterey One Water) y California American Water. Si desea obtener información en español, póngase en contacto con rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.