
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT, MONTEREY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) is accepting written comments on the draft Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS) for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). The Central Coast Water Board will also hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the draft Addendum. You may download the draft Addendum from the Central Coast Water Board website at the following address:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/public_notices/public_notices.html

The Central Coast Water Board, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a draft Addendum to the MPWSP Final EIR/EIS to evaluate whether changes to the proposed Monterey One Water Outfall pipeline and diffuser modifications, necessary to accommodate the future desalination brine discharge from the MPWSP desalination facility, would result in new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts or otherwise require a subsequent or supplemental EIR under to Public Resources Code section 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163.

The draft CEQA Addendum evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed outfall pipeline and diffuser modifications, which relate to the discharge regulated under the draft Order R3-2026-0057, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit CA3000003, *Waste Discharge Requirements for the Monterey One Water Regional 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*. As explained in the CEQA Addendum, the Central Coast Water Board has determined, based on substantial evidence and considering the whole record, that no subsequent or supplemental EIR is necessary, and, consistent with State CEQA Guidelines section 15164, an Addendum is the appropriate State CEQA document to evaluate the potential effects associated with the proposed modifications. The modifications considered in the CEQA Addendum

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support compliance with applicable ocean discharge requirements. Adoption of the CEQA Addendum and consideration of the draft Order will occur at the same hearing.

Although State CEQA Guidelines section 15164(c) states that an addendum “need not be circulated for public review,” the Central Coast Water Board is voluntarily providing an opportunity for public review and written comment on the draft CEQA Addendum prior to the hearing at which the Central Coast Water Board will consider adoption of the Addendum.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS BY NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board by **5:00 PM on November 6, 2025**. Please submit comments electronically, with the subject line “**Comment Letter – MPWSP CEQA Addendum**” 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

Comments received by **5:00 PM on November 6, 2026** will be considered in the development of staff recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 10-11, 2026

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing on **December 10-11, 2026**, to consider certification of the CEQA Addendum. The hearing will take place at:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Interested persons may attend the hearing and provide oral comments relevant to CEQA Addendum. The chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments. Additional hearing information will be available in the Board meeting agenda at:

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

STAFF CONTACT AND DOCUMENTS

Documents related to the draft CEQA Addendum and public comments received will be available as described above. Please direct document requests to

rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the draft CEQA Addendum, please contact

rb3-npdes@waterboards.ca.gov or Mark Lemus at (805) 549-3703.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

The draft CEQA Addendum 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.