

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
**ORDER R5-2026-0044**

**AMENDING**  
**TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2024-0021**

REQUIRING  
CITY OF BRENTWOOD  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

TO COMPLY WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN  
ORDER R5-2024-0020  
(NPDES PERMIT CA0082660)

**FINDINGS**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. On 19 April 2024, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2024-0021 requiring the City of Brentwood to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Order R5-2024-0020 (NPDES CA0082660) for the City of Brentwood Wastewater Treatment Plant in Contra Costa County. For the purposes of this Order, the City of Brentwood is referred to as “Discharger” and the Wastewater Treatment Plant is referred to as the “Facility”. This Order amends Order R5-2024-0021 as summarized in Finding 2.
2. In a letter dated 13 May 2026, the Discharger requested an extension of the time schedule contained in TSO R5-2024-0021 to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Order R5-2024-0020. TSO R5-2024-0021 requires the Discharger to complete tasks to achieve compliance with final effluent limitations contained in Order R5-2024-0020 for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane by implementing a free chlorine/low CT disinfection process. Due to delays including challenges in resolving leaks through the chlorine contact basin control joints, low CT process instrumentation procurement delays, and controls programming delays, the Discharger requested an extension of the time schedule. The Discharger submitted revised due dates for the compliance tasks with a final compliance date of 31 May 2029. Modifications to TSO R5-2024-0021 are made to revise compliance tasks due dates and extend the final compliance date from 30 September 2026 to 31 May 2029.
3. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”) pursuant to Water Code section 13389, since the adoption or modification of a NPDES permit for an existing source is statutorily exempt and this Order only serves to implement a NPDES permit. (*Pacific Water Conditioning Ass’n, Inc. v. City Council of City of Riverside* (1977) 73 Cal.App.3d 546, 555-556.). Issuance of this Order is also exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 14, section 15321, subdivision (a)(2).
4. The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to amend Waste Discharge Requirements for this discharge

and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

**BOARD ACTION**  
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

Effective 1 October 2026, TSO R5-2024-0021 is amended as shown in items 1 through 10 below.

1. The Order number is changed from R5-2024-0021 to R5-2024-0021-01 throughout the Order.
2. **Finding 7.** Add the following section after Finding 7 and renumber subsequent findings.
  8. On 13 May 2026, the Discharger requested another extension of the compliance schedule for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane due to further delays in implementing and testing the free chlorine/low CT disinfection process due to challenges in resolving leaks through the chlorine contact basin control joints, low CT process instrumentation procurement delays, and controls programming delays. The compliance schedule was modified by Amending Order R5-2026-0044 to allow additional time to achieve compliance with final effluent limitations in WDR Order R5-2024-0020.
3. **Finding 8.** Revise the text in Finding 8 as shown below:

The compliance time schedule authorized by this Order allows time to proceed with implementation and evaluation of the free chlorine/low CT disinfection process. However, in the unlikely event that the Facility still cannot comply with the final effluent limitations for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane by the compliance date in this Order, the Central Valley Water Board cannot further extend the compliance schedule for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane to fully comply with the final effluent limitations for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane contained in WDR Order R5-2024-0020.
4. **Finding 11.c.** Revise the text in Finding 11.c as shown below:

To comply with final dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane effluent limitations, the Discharger has determined that additional time is necessary to develop and implement the projects discussed in Findings 4 through 9.
5. **Finding 15.** Revise the text in Finding 15 as shown below:

Compliance with this Order exempts the Discharger from MMPs for violations of the final effluent limitations for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane in WDR Order R5-2024-0020 from **1 June 2024** through **31 May 2029**.

6. **Paragraph after Finding 24.** Modify the text in the paragraph after Finding 24 as shown below:

The Central Valley Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent for this discharge with the compliance schedule for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane contained in TSO R5-2024-0021 and amended TSO R5-2024-0021-01 and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

7. **Compliance Section Paragraph.** Revise the text in the compliance section paragraph as shown below:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**, TSO R5-2024-0021 is amended and the Discharger shall comply with the following:

8. **Time Schedule Table.** Update the compliance dates in the compliance schedule table as shown below:

| Task                                                                                                                                                                | Compliance Date    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| i. <b>Submit Legally Responsible Official's Signed Certification and Photo Documentation Demonstrating Free Chlorine/Low CT Disinfection Process is Operational</b> | <b>31 May 2027</b> |
| ii. <b>Submit Report Demonstrating Compliance with the Final Effluent Limitations for Dibromochloromethane and Dichlorobromomethane</b>                             | <b>31 May 2029</b> |

9. **Compliance Section 2.** Revise the text in compliance section 2 as shown below:

The discharge at Discharge Point 001 shall not exceed the interim effluent limitation described below for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane. The interim effluent limitations for dibromochloromethane and dichlorobromomethane are effective from **1 June 2024 through 31 May 2029**, or when the Discharger is able to come into compliance, whichever is sooner.

10. **Last Paragraph.** Modify the last paragraph to the text shown below:

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on **19 April 2024** and amended by Order R5-2026-0044 on **27 August 2026**. This Order has the same effective date of WDRs Order R5-2024-0020, which is **1 June 2024**.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with CWC section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date that this Order becomes final, except that if the

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thirtieth day following the date that this Order becomes final falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday (including mandatory furlough days), the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day.

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I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 27 August 2026.

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PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer