Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2022-0006-03 FOR LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER; TAHOE PREMIER BOTTLING LLC, TAHOE PREMIER BOTTLING PROJECT, NEVADA COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent on 11 February 2026 from Tahoe Premier Bottling LLC (hereinafter Discharger), for discharge of treated rinse water effluent from a water bottling facility (process water derived from potable groundwater) to surface water. Based on the application packet and subsequent information submitted by the Discharger, staff have determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order). This project is hereby assigned Limited Threat General Order R5-2022-0006-044 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995002, with an effective date of **1 July 2026**. Please reference your Limited Threat General Order number, **R5-2022-0006-044**, in your correspondence and submitted documents.

The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the Limited Threat General Order and as specified in this NOA. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the entire contents of the enclosed Limited Threat General Order (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2022-0006-03_amended.pdf)

CALIFORNIA TOXICS RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING
The Limited Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxics Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, 2005, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP). Screening levels for CTR constituents and other constituents of concern are found in Attachment I of the Limited Threat General Order. Review of your water quality data in comparison to the screening values, showed no

reasonable potential for the discharge to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives in South Yuba River, which is a water of the United States.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this project is to manage rinse water generated from container washing operations at a proposed water bottling facility located in Soda Springs, California. The facility utilizes potable groundwater to rinse glass bottles and cans prior to filling, generating process rinse water during normal operations. This rinse water is collected through dedicated floor drains and conveyed to an underground storage tank for equalization. The system is designed to handle a maximum flow of approximately 7,600 gallons per day (0.0076 million gallons per day), with an average flow corresponding to operational hours. The collected water is treated through a series of processes including total dissolved solids (TDS) monitoring, media filtration for solids removal, carbon filtration for removal of potential disinfectants, and oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) monitoring to ensure treatment performance. Treated rinse water is preferentially reused onsite for irrigation; however, excess water is discharged through the site's storm drainage system, which ultimately conveys flow to the South Yuba River.

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Effluent limitations are specified in Section V Effluent Limitations and Discharge Specifications of the Limited Threat General Order. Based on the information provided in the NOI, effluent limitations are only required for the parameter identified in items 1 and 2 below:

1. **pH.** The pH of all limited threat discharges within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (except Goose Lake in Modoc County) shall at all times be within the range of 6.5 and 8.5.

2. **Salinity.** Discharges under the CV-SALTS Salt Control Program's Conservative Permitting Approach (Path 1) to receiving waters with the Agricultural Supply (AGR) Beneficial Use shall not exceed a monthly average effluent electrical conductivity of 700 micromhos per centimeter (µmhos/cm)."

RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

The Limited Threat General Order includes receiving surface water limitations in Section VIII.A. Based on the information provided in the NOI, only the following receiving surface water limitations are applicable to this discharge:

- Bacteria (VIII.A.2);
- Biostimulatory substances (VIII.A.3);
- Chemical constituents (VIII.A.4);
- Color (VIII.A.5);
- Dissolved oxygen (VIII.A.6);
- Floating material (VIII.A.7);
- Oil and grease (VIII.A.8);
- pH (VIII.A.9.a);

- Pesticides (VIII.A.10);
- Radioactivity (VIII.A.11);
- Suspended sediments (VIII.A.12);
- Settleable substances (VIII.A.13);
- Suspended material (VIII.A.14);
- Taste and odors (VIII.A.15);
- Temperature (VIII.A.16.a);
- Toxicity (VIII.A.17); and
- Turbidity (VIII.A.18.a).

MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring and reporting requirements are contained in Attachment C of the Limited Threat General Order. The Discharger is required to comply with the following specific monitoring and reporting requirements for the effluent and receiving water in accordance with Attachment C of the Limited Threat General Order.

Monitoring Locations – The Discharger shall monitor the effluent and South Yuba River at the specified location as follows:

Table 1. Monitoring Station Locations

Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
EFF-001	A location where a representative sample of the effluent can be collected prior to discharging to South Yuba River.
RSW-001	South Yuba River, approximately 200 feet upstream from the point of discharge.
RSW-002	South Yuba River, approximately 200 feet downstream from the point of discharge.

Effluent Monitoring – When discharging to surface water, the Discharger shall monitor the effluent at EFF-001 in accordance with Table C-4 of the Limited Threat General Order and this NOA. The applicable monitoring requirements are as follows in Table 2 and subsequent Table 2 Notes:

Table 2. Effluent Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Discharge Flow Rate	MGD	Calculated	1/Day
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 ºC	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Month
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Month
Turbidity	Nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU)	Grab	1/Month

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Month
Dissolved Oxygen	milligrams per liter (mg/L)	Grab	1/Month
Hardness, Total (as CaCO3)	mg/L	Grab	1/Month

Table 2 Notes

1. **Electrical conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen.** A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.
2. **All parameters, except flow.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.

Effluent Characterization Monitoring - Section II.B.2 of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements section of the Limited Threat General Order R5-2022-0006-03 requires that dischargers submit new analytical results every 5 years for pollutants specified in Table I-1 of Attachment I of Limited Threat General Order R5-2022-0006-03. The duration of the Project is expected to last more than 5 years; therefore, the Discharger shall submit monitoring results by **1 July 2030** for the following constituents shown in Table 3 and subsequent Table 3 Notes, below:

Table 3. Effluent Characterization Monitoring

Parameter	Units	Sample Type
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	Grab
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab
Hardness	mg/L	Grab
pH	standard units	Grab
Temperature	°F	Grab
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 ºC	µmhos/cm	Grab
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	Grab
Turbidity	NTU	Grab
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L	Grab
Aluminum, Total	mg/L	Grab
Iron, Total	mg/L	Grab
Manganese, Total	mg/L	Grab

Parameter	Units	Sample Type
CTR Priority Pollutants	See Attachment I, Table I-3 Screening Levels for Priority Pollutants	See Attachment I, Table I-3 Screening Levels for Priority Pollutants

Table 3 Notes

1. **For all parameters.** The Discharger is not required to conduct effluent monitoring for constituents that have already been sampled in a given month, as required in Table E-3, except for hardness, pH, and temperature, which shall be conducted concurrently with the effluent sampling.
2. **For all parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.
3. **For dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, TDS, and turbidity.** A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.
4. **For CTR Priority Pollutants.** See Attachment I, Table I-3 of the Limited Threat General Order.
5. **Iron, Total, and Manganese, Total**. Results can be evaluated from samples that have been passed through a 1.5-micron filter to evaluate compliance with the Secondary MCL criteria.

Receiving Water Monitoring - When discharging to surface water, the Discharger shall monitor the receiving water at RSW-001 and RSW-002, in accordance with Table C-6 of the Limited Threat General Order and this NOA. The applicable monitoring requirements are as follows in Table 4 and subsequent Table 4 Notes:

Table 4. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Month
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 ºC	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Month
Hardness, Total (as CaCO3)	mg/L	Grab	1/Month
pH	standard units	Grab	1/Month
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Month
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	1/Month

Table 4 Notes

1. **All parameters.** Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.

In conducting the receiving water sampling, a log shall be kept of the receiving water conditions throughout the reach bounded by RSW-001 and RSW-002. Attention shall be given to the presence or absence of:

a. Floating or suspended matter
b. Discoloration
c. Bottom deposits
d. Aquatic life
e. Visible films, sheens, or coatings
f. Fungi, slimes, or objectionable growths
g. Potential nuisance conditions

Notes on receiving water conditions shall be summarized in the Monitoring Report.

Monitoring Report Submittals - Monitoring in accordance with the Limited Threat General Order shall begin upon initiation of discharge. Monitoring Reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board on a quarterly basis, beginning with the **Third Quarter 2026**. This report shall be submitted on **1 November 2026**. All Monitoring Reports shall specify the dates during the monitoring period the discharge did or did not occur. If monitoring samples were not obtained within 24 hours of initiation of the discharge, the Discharger must document the reasons in the corresponding Monitoring Report. If discharge has not begun there is no need to monitor. However, a certified Monitoring Report must be submitted stating that there has been no discharge. Table 5, below, summarizes the Monitoring Report due dates required under the Limited Threat General Order. Quarterly Monitoring Reports must be submitted until your coverage is formally terminated in accordance with the Limited Threat General Order, even if there is no discharge during the reporting quarter.

Table 5. Monitoring Periods and Reporting Schedule

Monitoring Period for All Sampling Frequencies	Quarterly Report Due Date
First Quarter (1 January through 31 March)	1 May
Second Quarter (1 April through 30 June)	1 August
Third Quarter (1 July through 30 September)	1 November
Fourth Quarter (1 October through 31 December)	1 February of the following year

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger must notify Central Valley Water Board staff within 24 hours of having knowledge of 1) the start of each new discharge, 2) noncompliance, and 3) when the discharge ceases. The Central Valley Water Board shall be notified immediately if any effluent limit violation is observed during implementation of the project.

Discharge of material other than what is described in the application is prohibited. The required annual fee (as specified in the annual invoice you will receive from the State Water Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until this NOA is officially

terminated. You must notify this office in writing when the discharge regulated by the Limited Threat General Order is no longer necessary by submitting the Request for Termination of Coverage (Attachment E). If a timely written request is not received, the Discharger will be required to pay additional annual fees as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with the Limited Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability. Effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory

Minimum Penalty (MMP) of $3,000 per violation. In addition, late Monitoring Reports may be subject to MMPs or discretionary penalties of up to $1,000 per day late. When discharges do not occur during a quarterly monitoring period, the Discharger must still submit a quarterly certified Monitoring Report indicating that no discharge occurred to avoid being subject to enforcement actions.

COMMUNICATION

We have transitioned to a paperless office; therefore, please convert all documents to a searchable Portable Document Format (pdf). All documents, including Monitoring Reports, written notifications, and documents submitted to comply with this NOA and the Limited Threat General Order, should be submitted to the NPDES Compliance and Enforcement Unit, Attention: Paul Wadding, at centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov and paul.wadding@waterboards.ca.gov. Mr. Wadding may also be reached by phone at (916) 464-4826.

Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Attention: NPDES Compliance Unit
- Discharger: Tahoe Premier Bottling LLC
- Facility: Tahoe Premier Bottling Project
- County: Nevada County
- CIWQS place ID: 906860

Documents that are 50 megabytes or larger must be transferred to a DVD, or flash drive and mailed to our office, attention “ECM Mailroom-NPDES".

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 California Water Code 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 of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Petitions Home Page (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

Patrick Pulupa,
Executive Officer

Enclosures (2): Attachment A - Project Location Map
Monitoring Report Transmittal Form (Discharger only)

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ATTACHMENT A – PROJECT LOCATION MAPS

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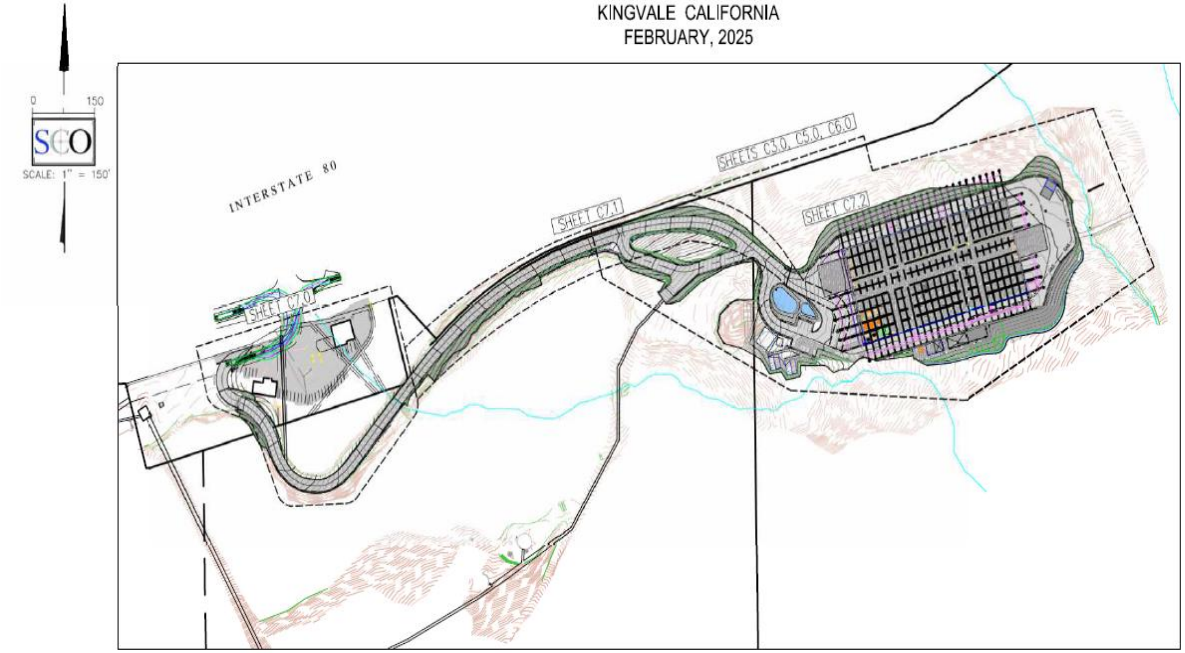
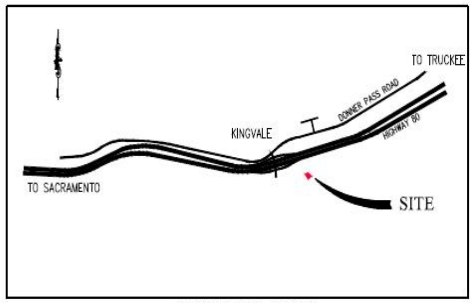
KINGVALE CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY, 2025



OVERALL SITE PLAN



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