Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region Board Meeting
10/11 December 2025

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THE BALDWIN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., DBA KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION HALLWOOD PLANT YUBA COUNTY

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

At a public hearing scheduled for 10/11 December 2026, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for Baldwin Construction Co., DBA Knife River Construction (Discharger) Hallwood Plant in Yuba County. This document contains responses to written comments regarding the tentative WDRs circulated on 17 September 2026. Written comments were required by public notice to be received by the Central Valley Water Board by 19 October 2026 to receive full consideration. Comments were received prior to the deadline from:

1. Baldwin Construction Co., dba Knife River Construction (Discharger)

DISCHARGER COMMENTS

The following comments are all editorial in nature. All corrections and editorial edits were made to the Tentative WDRs and MRP as suggested.

WDR

1. Tentative Finding 36:

“The groundwater gradient is generally to the northwest.”

Please change to:

“Regional groundwater gradient is generally to the southwest and local gradient is generally to the northwest.”

2. Tentative Finding 38:

“Monitoring well HAF-3 is considered an upgradient well and HAF-1 and HAF-2 are downgradient wells.”

Please change to:

“Monitoring well HAF-1 is considered an upgradient well and HAF-2 and HAF-3 are downgradient wells.”

3. Tentative Table 7 Groundwater Quality Note 1:

“All concentrations reported were less than detection limits”

Please change to:

“Nine out of ten concentrations reported were less than detection limits (<0.5 ng/L). One detection of 0.76 ng/L was reported.”

4. Tentative Finding 59:

“2,000 ng/L for inorganic mercury (Primary MCL)”

Please change to:

“2 µg/L for inorganic mercury (Primary MCL)”

This is the precision level and unit specified by the MCL.

5. Tentative Finding 62:

“Measured concentrations in both effluent in both ponds are comparable”

Please change to:

“Measured effluent concentrations in both ponds are comparable”

6. Tentative Requirement E2:

“If concentrations in either pond exceeds the Salinity Action Level”

Please change to:

“If annual average concentration in a settling/recycling pond exceeds the Salinity Action Level”

7. Tentative Attachment B:

“DA-8” (well ID label)

Please change to:

“DH-8”

MRP

8. Tentative Table 2 Wastewater Monitoring for Settling/Recycling Pond(s):

“ng/L” (table field entry for Mercury Units)

Please change to:

“µg/L”

This is the unit specified by the MCL.

9. Tentative Table 4 Groundwater Monitoring:

“pH, Std units, Grab, Annually, Annually” (row in table)

Please remove.