

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning
TENTATIVE REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
AZTECA MILLING L.P.
AZTECA MADERA MASA PLANT
MADERA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 22/23 October 2026
TIME: TBD
PLACE: REDDING - TBD

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued. A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the anticipated order of all agenda items; however, the Board may consider agenda items out of their listed order. The agenda materials may also include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, [Central Valley Water Board's website](#) at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](#) at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html).

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov.

Opportunities to Comment

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 11 September 2026. Please email any comments to Cruz.Romero@Waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "Azteca Madera Masa Plant – Tentative WDRs." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Cruz Romero
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street,
Fresno, CA 93706

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

Oral comments concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain designated parties may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party subject to the proposed Order are designated parties. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water no later than 5:00 p.m. on 11 September 2026. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

If adopted, the tentative Order will revise current waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the management of waste discharged from the Azteca Madera Masa Plant (Facility), located at 23865 Avenue 18 in Madera. The Facility and associated land application areas are owned by and operated by Azteca Milling, L.P. (Discharger). The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with Order requirements. The Facility is an industrial food processing facility that processes approximately 400,000 pounds of raw corn kernels to produce masa and operates around 360 days per year. The Facility currently discharges wastewater to temporary storage tanks and then to two polyethylene tanks prior to discharge to land to two LAAs owned by the Discharger. The Facility's waste discharges are currently regulated under WDRs Order R5-2023-0007.

Changes to the wastewater treatment system at the Facility are proposed and are being implemented since the adoption of the current WDRs Orders, and revised WDRs are necessary to reflect current operations and waste discharge to land.

The tentative Order would authorize:

- A monthly average maximum daily flow limit of 0.21 mgd and annual flow limit of 76.6 million gallons per year for the Facility's influent.
- Treatment of process wastewater with a new treatment system
- Compliance with the Salt Control Program and Nitrate Control Program
- A cycle average BOD loading limit of 100 lbs/ac/day until treatment system upgrades are completed, then an updated cycle average BOD loading limit of 50 lbs/ac/day following completion of treatment system upgrades.
- A Performance-Based Effluent Limit of 1,900 mg/L for FDS (annual average) prior to system upgrades, and 1,250 mg/L once the upgrades are completed.
- Preparation and implementation of an updated Wastewater Nutrient Management Plan.
- Influent, effluent, pond, LAA, soil, and plant tissue monitoring

The tentative Order would rescind and replace WDRs Order R5-2023-0007, and will result in improved effluent quality and consistent compliance with Central Valley Water Board plans and policies.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](#), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/).

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno CA 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone at (559) 445-5116, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Cruz Romero at (559) 445-5036 or Cruz.Romero@waterboards.ca.gov.

Other Information

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](#) at

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov.

Digitally signed by Alex S. Mushegan on 12 August 2026

Alexander S. Mushegan

Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer