

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER  
**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2025-XXXX  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0079138  
FOR  
CITY OF STOCKTON  
WASTETWATER RECOVERY CENTER  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

**Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

The City of Stockton (Discharger) is the owner of the Regional Wastewater Control Center (Facility), located at 2500 Navy Drive, Stockton, CA 95206. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the City of Stockton, Port of Stockton, and surrounding unincorporated areas of San Joaquin County, and serves a population of approximately 350,000. Sources of wastewater in the service area are primarily domestic, but also include both commercial and industrial connections. Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2020-0007-01 (NPDES Permit No. CA0079138) authorizes the discharge of up to 55 million gallons per day of tertiary treated effluent to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States and within the legal boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Facility is situated on both the eastern and western banks of the San Joaquin River and is connected via a bridge over the receiving water. The Discharger recently completed major upgrades to the Facility, known as the Facility Modifications Project. The upgraded Facility treatment includes fine screening, grit removal, primary clarification, activated sludge with nutrient removal, secondary clarification, tertiary filtration with disk filters, and UV disinfection. Solids treatment includes primary sludge thickening in the primary clarifiers with primary sludge pumping, gravity thickening of primary sludge, gravity belt thickening of waste activated sludge, anaerobic digestion, digested sludge holding, centrifuge dewatering with belt filter press backup, and on-site storage and hauling of dewatered cake.

Along with the Facility Modifications Project, the Discharger re-instated an old outfall on the east bank of the San Joaquin River (East Bank Outfall) which will replace the old outfall located on the west bank of the river (West Bank Outfall). The Order was amended in 2023 to reflect this transition. Once the Discharger initiates discharges solely from the new East Bank Outfall, discharges from the West Bank Outfall will cease, and various facilities on the west bank of the river will be decommissioned.

Treatment units on the west bank side of the San Joaquin River (i.e. the facultative ponds, constructed wetlands, nitrifying bio-towers, dissolved air flotation, tertiary filters, and chlorine contact basin) and the West Bank Outfall will temporarily remain in operation, as needed, until the Discharger completes final adjustments to the Facility Modifications Project, and fully transitions to the upgraded Facility and use of the new East Bank Outfall.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2020-0007-01 (NPDES Permit), issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on 20 February 2020, and amended by Order R5-2023-0039 on 10 August 2023.

An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The tentative Order includes updated effluent limitations for ammonia, bromoform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane. The tentative Order removes effluent limitations for acute whole effluent toxicity and electrical conductivity and includes new effluent limitations for chronic whole effluent toxicity.

### **Public Hearing Date and Location**

A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

**DATE:** 19-20 June 2025  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Physical meeting with remote meeting option.

The [final meeting agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and 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 tentative Order.

### **Nature and Purpose of Hearing**

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

### **Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence**

The written comment period has closed for this item. Interested persons were previously invited to submit written comments concerning the tentative Order. Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing, dated 21 January 2025, comments were due by 5:00 p.m. on 19 February 2025.

Written materials submitted after the close of the written comment period will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record, absent a ruling by the Board Chair.

### **Visual Presentations**

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the below Central Valley Water Board Contact by 12:00 p.m. on **17 June 2025**.

### **Hearing Procedure and Time Limits**

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation and closing statement. The Discharger is invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time it believes is necessary.

**Interested persons** may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have 3 minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

### **Hearing Accommodations**

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov) or call 916-464-4839 at least 5 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.

### **Availability of Documents**

The tentative Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central

Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

**Central Valley Water Board Contact**

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Sarah Thompson at (916) 464-4713 or [sarah.thompson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sarah.thompson@waterboards.ca.gov).

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Originally Signed by  
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Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer