

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2024-XXXX
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0079260
FOR
CITY OF YUBA CITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
SUTTER COUNTY**

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The City of Yuba City (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), located at 302 Burns Drive Yuba City, CA 95991. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the City of Yuba City and serves a population of approximately 53,000. In addition, the Facility accepts septage from unsewered portions of Sutter and Yuba Counties. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 10.5 MGD. The Facility provides treatment to municipal and industrial wastewater and discharges secondary treated effluent, primarily to the Feather River via a side-bank discharge at Discharge Point 003 or a yet to be constructed multiport diffuser at Discharge Point 004. The existing multiport diffuser at Discharge Point 001 is rarely used due to a discharge prohibition requiring the diffuser be submerged 0.8 feet so adequate dilution can be achieved. The Facility discharges chlorinated, secondary treated effluent to disposal ponds, Discharge Point 002, within the levee on the eastern side of the Feather River while conducting maintenance at one of the other discharge points.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2019-0017-01, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 8 February 2019 and amended on 7 June 2019. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The tentative Order includes more stringent effluent limits for copper and new effluent limitations for cyanide, bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, and chronic toxicity. A compliance schedule and interim effluent chronic toxicity limitations are included in the tentative Order to bring the discharge in compliance with the new effluent limits. The tentative Order retains the ammonia effluent limitations from Order R5-2019-0017-01 and requires the Discharger to conduct an ammonia assessment to evaluate the Facility's discharge of ammonia. The tentative Order also includes additional groundwater monitoring, reporting, and studies along with increased disposal pond monitoring and reporting.

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: **17/18 October 2024**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Ave
Redding, CA 96001

Physical Meeting Location w/Remote Meeting
Option

The [final meeting agenda](#) (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/) 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 **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **26 July 2024** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Interested persons include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment, in writing, on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **26 July 2024** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

Requesting Party Status

Persons who wish to participate in the hearing as a party must submit a request in

writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **26 July 2024** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov. The request must include facts demonstrating how the person will be substantially affected by the proceeding.

The Board Chair will not designate a person as a party if the Board Chair determines the designation will impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. The Board Chair, when granting a request for party status, may impose restrictions on the requestor's hearing participation, including limiting or excluding the use of cross-examination and other procedures to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

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 **15 October 2024**.

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 the 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 e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call 916-464-4839 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.

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/). 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 Armando Martinez at (916) 464-4617 or Armando.Martinez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer