

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2025-XXXX
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0081485
FOR
CUTLER-OROSI JOINT POWERS WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
TULARE COUNTY**

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The Cutler-Orosi Joint Powers Wastewater Authority (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility), located at 40401 Road 120, Cutler, California. The Facility provides wastewater sewerage service for the communities of Cutler, Orosi, East Orosi, Yettem, Seville, and Sultana and serves a population of approximately 14,700. The design daily average flow capacity of the Facility is 2.0 million gallons per day. The Facility discharges treated wastewater to 117 acres of cropland at the Facility and to Sand Creek, a water of the United States, tributary to Cross Creek within the Alta hydrologic unit (551.60).

Discharges from the Facility were previously regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2018-0011, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 5 April 2018. An Order is proposed to reestablish the NPDES permit. The tentative Order includes new or updated effluent limitations for chronic whole effluent toxicity and total cyanide.

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: 20-21 February 2025
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(Physical meeting location with 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 **27 December 2024** to the Central Valley Water Board email at centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copy Nicolette.Dentoni@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 **27 December 2024** to the Central Valley Water Board email at centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copy Nicolette.Dentoni@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.

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 **19 February 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 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/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007 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 Nicolette Dentoni at (559) 444-2505 or at Nicolette.Dentoni@waterboards.ca.gov.

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

Alexander Mushegan, Supervising Engineer