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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE  
TENTATIVE NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY  
FOR COVERAGE UNDER  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS/NPDES PERMIT  
(ORDER R5-2023-0025; NPDES CAG585001)  
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET OBJECTIVES/  
CRITERIA AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER  
FOR  
CITY OF COLFAX  
CITY OF COLFAX WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
PLACER COUNTY**

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has determined that the City of Colfax Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) is eligible for coverage under General Order R5-2023-0025 for Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order). Enclosed is a tentative Notice of Applicability (NOA) for the Facility.

The City of Colfax owns and operates the Facility, located at 23500 Grand View Way Colfax, CA 95713. The Facility is a publicly owned treatment works and provides sewerage service for the City of Colfax, serving a population of approximately 2,013. The Facility provides disinfected tertiary treatment for municipal wastewater at an average dry weather flow of:

- 0.275 million gallons per day when less than 10 million gallons are stored at the Facility's Pond 3 and
- 0.65 million gallons per day when more than 10 million gallons are stored at the Facility's Pond 3.

The Central Valley Water Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency classify the Facility as a minor facility.

The Facility is currently authorized under existing Order R5-2018-0012 (NPDES CA0079529) to discharge disinfected tertiary-treated municipal wastewater to the unnamed tributary to Smuthers Ravine, a water of the United States in Placer County.

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MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The tentative NOA, once final and effective, would provide coverage for the Facility's discharge under the Municipal General Order, at which time the terms and conditions in Order R5-2018-0012 will cease to be effective except for enforcement purposes.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the tentative NOA should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on **21 July 2023** in order for the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer to give them full consideration prior to the finalization and issuance of the NOA. Please submit comments or recommendations to this office [via email](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov) to RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy [email](mailto:Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov) to Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov.

After the close of the public comment period Central Valley Water Board staff will review comments, respond as necessary, and the tentative NOA may be revised if appropriate. If substantial written comments are not received by the due date, the Executive Officer will issue the final NOA in accordance with the Municipal General Order. If substantial comments are received by the due date, any member of the public may request an oral hearing before the Central Valley Water Board. If deemed appropriate by the Executive Officer, a subsequent notice of public hearing will be issued so the matter can be considered at a future Central Valley Water Board meeting.

The tentative NOA is available on the Central Valley Water Board [website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) at: ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). The Municipal General Order is not currently available online but can be requested by email or phone from the [NPDES Permitting Contacts](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/contacts) webpage ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/waste\\_to\\_surface\\_water/contacts](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/contacts)).

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NOA or would like to request a copy of the Municipal General Order, contact Armando Martinez at (916) 464-4617 or [email](mailto:Armando.Martinez@waterboards.ca.gov) to Armando.Martinez@waterboards.ca.gov.

Joshua Palmer, PE  
Senior Engineer

Enclosure:  
Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

cc:  
Elizabeth Sablad, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco (email only)  
Prasad Gullapalli, U.S. EPA Region IX, San Francisco (email only)  
Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)  
Division of Drinking Water, State Water Board, Sacramento  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento

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State Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento  
State Office of Historical Preservation, Sacramento  
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