

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 WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2025-XXXX
AND
TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0079049
FOR THE CITY OF DAVIS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
YOLO COUNTY**

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The City of Davis (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the City of Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 45400 County Road 28H, Davis, California. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the community of Davis and serves a population of approximately 68,000. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 7.5 MGD. Tertiary treated disinfected wastewater from the Facility is discharged to Willow Slough Bypass and seasonally to the Main Conaway Canal, seasonally to groundwater via percolation from the Davis Wetlands and if the Davis Wetlands reach capacity during the rainy season, the Conaway Ranch Toe Drain. Willow Slough Bypass, the Main Conaway Canal, and the Conaway Ranch Toe Drain are all waters of the United States within the Yolo Bypass and Sacramento River Watershed.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2018-0086, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 7 December 2018. An Order is proposed to renew the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order. The tentative NPDES Order includes new or updated effluent limitations for ammonia, total copper, and total cyanide plus chronic toxicity whole effluent toxicity effluent limitations per the new Statewide Toxicity Provisions. The tentative NPDES Order includes new land discharge specifications and monitoring, additional pond monitoring, along with increased groundwater monitoring requirements to monitor discharge to land from the Emergency Storage Ponds, Stormwater Percolation Ponds and/or the Recycled Water Storage Ponds. The tentative NPDES Order includes new special studies to evaluate the work needed for soil remediation of the former treatment ponds that are now used as storage ponds. The tentative NPDES Order also includes a compliance schedule for the Discharger to complete the installation of a liner at the Emergency Storage Ponds to protect high quality groundwater beneath the Facility.

The proposed tentative Time Schedule Order includes a compliance schedule with milestones for the Facility to come into compliance with total copper and cyanide effluent limitations.

Public Hearing Date and Location

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

DATE: 20/21 February 2025
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Physical Meeting Location w/Remote Meeting Option
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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 Orders.

Nature and Purpose of Hearing

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Orders. 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 **16 January 2025** 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 Orders shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **16 January 2025** 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 **28 December 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 18 February 2025.

Hearing Procedure and Time Limits

The hearing on the tentative Orders 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** and any other designated Party will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for their presentation and closing statement. The Discharger and Parties are invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they believe 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 Orders 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/). 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