

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

PROPOSED CHANGE IN FACILITY OWNERSHIP AND FACILITY NAME

**DEER CREEK PISTACHIO, LLC
DEER CREEK PISTACHIO FACILITY
19570 AVENUE 88 TERRA BELLA, CA 93270**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 9-10 OCTOBER 2025
TIME: TBD
PLACE: TBD

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued. A Final Agenda for the meeting will be made available at least 10 days before the meeting. The Final Agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date that the proposed order will be considered, and the 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 proposed order.

The Final Agenda, and any information concerning changes to the date, time, location, or format of the public meeting, will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board's website, [Central Valley Water Board's website](#) at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/

and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the [GovDelivery subscription list](#) at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html.

The meeting will be webcast live on YouTube. A weblink for viewing will be provided in the Final Agenda. Any person who would like to participate in the meeting, but who is unable to attend in-person, may participate remotely via video or teleconference. Instructions for doing so will be provided in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

- The hearing facilities will be accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the meeting by calling (916) 341-5254 or e-mailing opp-languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov.

Opportunities to Comment

The Central Valley Water Board will consider oral and written comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 17 September 2025. Please email any comments to Salvador.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order for Deer Creek Pistachio, LLC." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Salvador Vargas-Maravilla
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

The Board Chair may refuse to admit any comments or evidence received after the comment period unless the submitting party provides a reasonable explanation for why the submission is late and the Board Chair determines that admission of the late submission would not prejudice any other party.

Oral comments concerning the Order must be presented at the scheduled public meeting. Interested parties are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide their comments. Certain **designated parties** may provide longer comments and have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, cross-examine opposing witnesses, impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence against him or her. The party subject to the proposed Order is designated parties. Any other party may request recognition as a designated party by submitting a written statement of how they are directly affected by the discharge(s) to be regulated and why they would like to be considered a designated party. Such requests must be submitted to Central Valley Water no later than 5:00 p.m. on 17 September 2025. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2016-0052 was adopted in June 2016 and issued to ARO Pistachios, Inc. and Mehdi Orandi authorizing the discharge of wastewater from the pistachio processing facility at 19570 Avenue 88 in Terra Bella (Facility) to a land application area (LAA). In April 2021, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Order No. R5-2021-0033 recognizing Touchstone Pistachio

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Company, LLC as the owner of the Facility, and Touchstone Pistachio Company Facility as the name.

If adopted, the proposed Order will recognize another change in ownership of the Facility, as well as a change in Facility name. The Facility is now owned and operated by Deer Creek Pistachio, LLC. (Discharger) and will be known as the Deer Creek Pistachio Facility. The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with the requirements of existing WDRs R5-2016-0052, which authorizes a monthly average discharge of up to 0.576 million gallons per day, or an annual flow up to 26 million gallons of pistachio processing wastewater to the LAA.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger(s). All others may access a digital copy of the Order on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders website](#), under the heading, "Discharger-Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Copies of the proposed Order and associated documents may also be obtained by visiting the office of the Central Valley Water Board at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone at (559) 445-5116, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning the proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Salvador Vargas-Maravilla at (559) 444-2488 or Salvador.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov.

Other Information

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)

may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request.

Additional information on meeting procedures can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Meeting Procedures webpage](#) at

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

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All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original signed by Alex S. Mushegan

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