CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER R5-2025-XXXX RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER 88-097 TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY DELFT COLONY WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY TULARE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject rescission 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 rescind the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 11 September 2025. Please email any comments to Virat.Kang@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order R5-2025-XXXX rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 88-097." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Virat Kang 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 parties subject to the proposed Order are 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 Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on 11 September 2025. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

If adopted, the proposed Order will rescind WDRs Order 88-097, which prescribes requirements for the discharge of treated domestic wastewater to land at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (Discharger) Delft Colony Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located at 39360 Road 56 in Tulare County. WDRs Order 88-097 was adopted in June 1988 and authorizes wastewater discharge up to

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57,200 gallons per day gpd to evaporation/percolation ponds. On 18 October 2023, Central Valley Waterboard staff requested an updated Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) to facilitate evaluation of the WWTF and determine whether the discharge qualifies for coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Order 2014-0153-DWQ, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Order). On 12 June 2025, Notice of Applicability 2014-0153-DWQ-R5427 was issued to the Discharger and will enroll the WWTF under the General Order upon recission of WDRs Order 88-097.

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 <u>Tentative Orders website</u>, 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, CA 93706 or by contacting the Board by phone at (559) 445-5116 on 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 Virat Kang at (559) 488-4345 or Virat.Kang@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 <u>not</u> conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

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 Alexander S. Mushegan Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer