



## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

1 April 2026

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Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2026-XXXX  
GOLDEN VALLEY PISTACHIO CO., LLC; NADER MALAKAN;  
AND MALAKAN INVESTMENTS  
GOLDEN VALLEY PISTACHIO PROCESSING FACILITY  
MADERA AND MERCED COUNTIES**

Enclosed is a Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) and a draft copy of the subject Order and Monitoring and Reporting Program. As stated in the Notice, 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:** 3/4 JUNE 2026  
**TIME:** To Be Determined  
**PLACE:** Regional Water Quality Control Board, Rancho Cordova  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued. A Final Agenda will be made available at least ten days before the public meeting and will provide final date, time, location, and other details. Please review the Notice carefully for information, including how to obtain the Final Agenda and how to provide comments on the proposed Order.

**Written comments on the draft Order must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on 1 May 2026.** Comments should be emailed to [Salvador.Vargas@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Salvador.Vargas@Waterboards.ca.gov), and [Bryan.Rock@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bryan.Rock@Waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line "Tentative Order – Golden Valley Pistachio Processing Facility." Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the following address:

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 | [www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley)

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

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Salvador Vargas-Maravilla at (559) 444-2488 or [Salvador.Vargas@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Salvador.Vargas@Waterboards.ca.gov).

*Original Signed by*  
Bryan C. Rock  
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Enclosure:

- Notice of Public Hearing for Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2026-XXXX; Golden Valley Pistachio Co., LLC et al., Golden Valley Pistachio Processing Facility, Madera and Merced Counties
- Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2026-XXXX; Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC et al., Golden Valley Pistachio Processing Facility, Madera and Merced Counties
- Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program R5-2026-XXXX; Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC et al., Golden Valley Pistachio Processing Facility, Madera and Merced Counties

Cc w/ enc:

- R5 Tribal Nations Contacts (via email)
- Environmental Justice Community Organization Contacts (via email)
- Christopher Moskal, State Water Resources Control Board, OCC (via email)
- Kennedy Knight, State Water Resources Control Board, OCC (via email)
- Omar Mostafa, Central Valley Water Board, Fresno (via email)
- [RB5s-cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5s-cvsalts@waterboards.ca.gov) (via email)
- Monica Roath, Madera County Environmental Health (via email)
- Merced County Community and Economic Development Department (via email)
- City of Chowchilla Planning Department (via email)
- Masood Khezri, Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC (via email)
- Nader Malakan, Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC (via email)
- Vahid Salehi, Golden Valley Pistachio Co. LLC (via email)
- Jo Anne Kipps, Fresno (via email)