

## 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 PLACERVILLE  
HANGTOWN CREEK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY  
EL DORADO COUNTY**

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have determined that the Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility (Facility) remains 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 Placerville owns and operates the Facility, located at 2300 Coolwater Creek Road in Placerville, California. The Facility provides sewerage service for the communities of Placerville and a small portion of El Dorado County and serves approximately 10,335 individuals. The Facility is designed to treat up to an average dry weather flow of 2.3 million gallons per day. The Central Valley Water Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency classify the Facility as a major facility.

The Facility is currently authorized to discharge under previous Municipal General Order R5-2017-0085-02 through NOA R5-2017-0085-007, to discharge disinfected tertiary-treated municipal wastewater to Hangtown Creek, a water of the United States, which flows to Weber Creek, a tributary to the South Fork of the American River within the South Fork of the American River watershed. The tentative NOA, once final and effective, would provide coverage for the Facility's discharge under the 2023 Municipal

General Order, at which time the terms and conditions in NOA R5-2017-0085-007 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 **19 June 2025** 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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/general_orders/r5-2023-0025_npdes.pdf) is available online ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/general\\_orders/r5-2023-0025\\_npdes.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/general_orders/r5-2023-0025_npdes.pdf)) and can be requested by email or phone from the [NPDES Permitting 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 Walter Mobley at (916) 464-4805 or email at [Walter.Mobley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Walter.Mobley@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure:  
Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

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City Engineer

Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento

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Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)

Division of Drinking Water, State Water Board, Sacramento

Regional Manager, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region II, Rancho Cordova

State Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento

State Office of Historical Preservation, Sacramento

El Dorado County, Environmental Management Department, Placerville

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