

## CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

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### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

#### PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT No. R5-2025-0528

**J. S. BATTH, INC. OWNER/OPERATOR**  
**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is releasing for public comment proposed Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint Number R5-2025-0528 issued to J. S. Batth, Inc. (Discharger), in the amount of **\$28,665**. The complaint alleges that the Discharger failed to obtain Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program coverage as required by California Water Code (Water Code) section 13260 for its 73-acre cropland in San Joaquin County. By failing to comply with the requirement, the Discharger is subject to liabilities pursuant to Water Code section 13261.

State law requires water quality permits for commercial irrigated lands to ensure waste discharges from these operations do not harm the Central Valley's rivers and groundwater aquifers.

In March 2014, the Central Valley Water Board issued Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0029, which allowed farmers in the San Joaquin County and Delta Area to obtain regulatory coverage by joining an approved third-party group, the San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality Coalition (Coalition). The Coalition conducts monitoring, assessments, data collection, and provides reports to the Central Valley Water Board on behalf of its members. Growers who elect not to participate in a third-party group may alternatively obtain individual coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2013-0100 (Individual General Order). Owners and operators of commercial irrigated lands who do not obtain regulatory coverage via one of the above options are subject to fines.

Owners of irrigated cropland can obtain more information regarding enrollment by visiting the [Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/irrigated\\_lands/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/)), or by calling the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program at (916) 464-4611.

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

[Additional information and relevant documents](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) related to this matter may be reviewed online ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)).

If you need a hard copy of the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Complaint mailed to you, please contact Wesley Ouimette by phone at (916) 464-4667 or e-mail at [Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov).

**SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

As per the proposed Hearing Procedures, Interested Persons' deadline to submit comments is **30 December 2025**, and shall be limited to what is contained within ACL Complaint Number R5-2025-0528. Otherwise, public comment may be submitted at the hearing proceeding scheduled for **26-27 February 2026**, at the Central Valley Water Board meeting.

Comments should reference ACLC No. R5-2025-0528 for J. S. Batth, Inc. They should be mailed to the attention of Wesley Ouimette at the address shown below or emailed to [Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Wesley Ouimette at [Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Wesley.Ouimette@waterboards.ca.gov).