

**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2026-XXXX  
FOR  
CITY OF TRACY AND LEPRINO FOODS COMPANY  
LAND DISPOSAL UNITS OF THE CITY OF TRACY  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

**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:** 27/28 August 2026

**TIME:** To be determined

**PLACE:** Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
(Physical Meeting Location with Remote Meeting Option)

**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/](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://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central\\_valley](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central_valley)

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](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 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](mailto: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 29 May 2026.** Please email any comments to [dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov) with the subject line, "Tentative Order – Land Disposal Units of the City of Tracy Wastewater Treatment Plant." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Dina Calanchini  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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 the designated party. 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 **29 May 2026**. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

### **Proposed Order**

If adopted, the tentative Order will revise Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) R5-2007-0038 for the industrial wastewater treatment system associated with the City of Tracy's wastewater treatment plant. The industrial treatment system includes two above-grade lined lagoons used as pretreatment units, one unlined treatment pond (Treatment Pond 002), and four unlined holding ponds (Ponds 001, 003, 004, and 005). The system is owned by the City of Tracy. Leprino Foods Company leases and operates the lagoons and Treatment Pond 002. These WDRs regulate the lagoons, Ponds 001 through 005, and the biosolids drying beds. The City of Tracy and Leprino Foods Company are collectively referred to as the Dischargers and are responsible for compliance with these WDRs.

Industrial wastewater generated by Leprino Foods Company, a mozzarella cheese manufacturer, is conveyed to the industrial treatment system and discharged into the two lined lagoons for initial treatment. Effluent from the lagoons flows to unlined Treatment Pond 002 for additional treatment. Treatment Pond 002 also receives biosolids from the City's main domestic wastewater treatment system, which is regulated under a separate NPDES permit. From Treatment Pond 002, wastewater is routed through the unlined holding ponds before being commingled with domestic influent and conveyed to the main treatment system for final treatment and surface water discharge.

The proposed Order would authorize:

- A maximum influent flow rate to the lagoons of 0.85 million gallons per day (MGD) as a monthly average.
- A performance-based salinity action level of 2,000 mg/L for total dissolved solids (TDS) as a flow weighted annual average.

The proposed Order would require:

- the Dischargers to complete and submit two evaluations: a *Groundwater Protection and Pond Management Plan* and a *Lagoon Integrity Evaluation*.
- Compliance with the Salt and Nitrate Control Programs.
- Source water, wastewater, and pond monitoring.

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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/), under the heading, "Discharger Specific Order for Future Board Meetings," at ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](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 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 or by contacting the Board by phone at (916) 464-3291, 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 Dina Calanchini at (916) 464-4740 or [dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dina.calanchini@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Other Information**

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) Tentative WDRs Order R5-2026- 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) at ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](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.

All meeting procedure information is also available on request to any 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](mailto:Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov).

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