



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning
TENTATIVE ORDER R5-2025-XXXX
RESCINDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER 98-040
MADERA ENTERPRISES, INC. AND FRANK CHIMENTI
FRUIT DEHYDRATING AND CONCENTRATING PLANT
32565 AVENUE 9 MADERA, CA 93636
MADERA 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: 19/20 June 2025
TIME: TBD
PLACE: Central Valley Water Board
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 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).

NICHOLAS AVDIS, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706 | www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley

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 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 9 May 2025. Please email any comments to

Salvador.Vargas@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order R5-2025-XXXX rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order 98-040." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Salvador Vargas
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 9 May 2025. Instructions on how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Order

If adopted, Rescission Order R5-2025-XXXX will rescind WDRs Order 98-040, which prescribes requirements for the discharge of processing waste generated from processing and dehydrating fruits to land at the Fruit Dehydrating and Concentrating Plant (Facility) located at 32565 Avenue 9, Madera, CA 93636. The land where wastewater was disposed of was owned by Frank Chimienti, and the Facility was owned and operated by Madera Enterprises Inc. (collectively, Dischargers). WDRs 98-040 was adopted in February 1998 and authorizes wastewater discharge up to 0.142 million gallons per day to 7.5 acres of adjacent land. Operations at the Facility are reported to have ceased in December 2010. Staff conducted an inspection of the Facility on 11 March 2025 and observed that the Facility was inactive, process water discharge piping had been dismantled, and no waste solids were present.

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](#), 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 Salvador Vargas at (559) 444-2488 or Salvador.Vargas@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).

Proposed Recission Order R5-2025-XXXX
Madera Enterprises Inc. and Frank Chimienti
Fruit Dehydrating and Concentrating Plant
Madera County

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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 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
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