



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2026-XXXX

COUNTY OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MCCOURTNEY ROAD LANDFILL

14741 WOLF MOUNTAIN ROAD, GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 95949

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: 22/23 October 2026
TIME: 09:00 a.m.
PLACE: Redding City Hall
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California 96001

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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) 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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html) at (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.html).

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

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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 adopt the Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 31 August 2026. Please email any comments to Jarrod Ramsey-Lewis, with the subject line, "Comments on Proposed Order." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Jarrod Ramsey-Lewis
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, California 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. Instructions for how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

"Parties" and "Interested Persons"

Participants in the hearing will be considered "parties" or "interested persons."

Parties include the person(s) to whom the agency action is directed and any other person(s) whom the Board determines should be designated as a party. Parties may present written evidence, offer witness testimony, cross-examine witnesses, and provide closing statements. At the time of this Notice, the party(s) to this action are: [discharger(s) and any other parties].

Interested Persons are those individuals and organizations that are interested in the outcome of the hearing who have not been designated as a party. Interested persons are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide oral comments during the Board meeting. Interested persons may request that the Board Chair authorize a longer time period for their comments.

Both Parties and Interested Persons may be asked to respond to questions from the Board or its staff.

Proposed Order

If adopted, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2026-XXXX will prescribe requirements for management of waste discharged from the closed McCourtney Road Landfill at 14741 Wolf Mountain Road, Grass Valley which is approximately four (4) miles southwest of Grass Valley in Nevada County. The County of Nevada, Public Works Department (Discharger) owns and operates the McCourtney Road Landfill (Facility). The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with Order requirements.

Active landfill operations occurred from 1973 to 1992, accepting primarily household waste from incorporated and unincorporated areas of western Nevada County (e.g., Nevada City, Grass Valley, Lake of the Pines). In November 1992 the Discharger stopped accepting waste in the Facility landfill and commenced operation of an onsite transfer station as an alternative waste management strategy. The Discharger transports waste to Anderson Landfill in Shasta County and the Lockwood Landfill in Storey County, Nevada. In 1998 the Discharger completed closure of the landfill portion of the Facility. Up until June 2013 the Discharger used one or both of two (2) Class II surface impoundments to contain certain landfill liquids. Beginning in 2013 the Discharger commenced use of a new dedicated Leachate Storage Tank Farm as an alternative strategy for storing landfill liquids and initiated efforts to clean close the Facility's two (2) Class II surface impoundments.

The Facility's waste discharges are currently regulated under WDRs Order R5-2014-0022. If adopted, the proposed WDRs Order R5-2026-XXXX will rescind and replace the previous WDRs Order R5-2014-0022. WDRs Order R5-2026-XXXX would primarily 1.) Recognize closure of the two (2) Class II surface impoundments thereby allowing unrestricted use of the ponds for fire suppression efforts; and 2.) Establish requirements for the Leachate Storage Tank Farm.

To conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the proposed Order was sent only to the Discharger. 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/).

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 Jarrod Ramsey-Lewis at (916)464-4762 or jarrod.ramsey-lewis@waterboards.ca.gov.

Other Information

Any person or organization may request to be recognized as a party to the proceeding by submitting a written statement describing why they would like to be considered a party, their interest in presenting evidence rather than policy statements or legal arguments, and an acknowledgement that those testifying may be subject to cross examination consistent with applicable regulations. Such requests must be submitted to [contact] no later than [time] on [date].

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) at (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml).

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.

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