

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

6 May 2025

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TENTATIVE RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ORDER 93-073, MENDOZA RANCH/ FORMER COZZI RANCH SWINE FACILITY,  
MERCED COUNTY**

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider rescission of the Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 93-073 for Mendoza Ranch / Former Cozzi Ranch Swine Facility in Merced County. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will be considering adoption of the tentative Rescission Order at its 19 – 20 June 2025 meeting. Any comments or recommendations you or others may have concerning the tentative Rescission Order must be submitted in writing to this office by **5 p.m. on 6 June 2025**. Absent a showing of good cause and lack of prejudice to other parties, the Board Chair may exclude comments and evidence received after this deadline.

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/](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

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proposed Order or anything in this Notice should be directed to Gilberto Corral at (916) 464-4653 or the Confined Animal Facilities Unit's public comment email at [rb5s-caf-comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rb5s-caf-comments@waterboards.ca.gov).

A Public Hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

**Date:** 19-20 June 2025

**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)

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format, of the meeting should visit the [Central Valley Water Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)).

The final meeting agenda will be available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the location and format of the meeting, the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item, and the anticipated order of all the 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.

Persons wishing to make non-evidentiary policy statements at the Board meeting (such statements will generally be limited to 3 minutes) are **not** required to submit written comments, but the Board appreciates receiving those comments in writing by the due date listed above so that they may be included in the packages that the Board members will receive ahead of the meeting.

The Central Valley Water Board is implementing a Paperless Office system. Please email any comment to [rb5s-caf-comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rb5s-caf-comments@waterboards.ca.gov) and cc [gilberto.corral@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gilberto.corral@waterboards.ca.gov). In the subject line of the email please include **"Mendoza Ranch / Former Cozzi Ranch Swine Facility, Confined Animal Facility, Rescission Comments."**

If you have any questions regarding the tentative Rescission Order, or if you do not have internet access and wish to request paper copies, contact Gilberto Corral at [gilberto.corral@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gilberto.corral@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Enclosure: Tentative Rescission Order

cc w/o enc: Merced County Environmental Health Department, Merced