

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5 2023-0033
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT CA0084271
FOR
CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOUSE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

Discharger and Tentative Order Information

The City of Mountain House (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), located at 17103 W. Bethany Road, Mountain House, CA 95391. The Discharger provides sewerage service for the community of Mountain House and serves a population of approximately 21,750. The current design average dry weather flow (ADWF) capacity of the Facility is 3.0 MGD, with plans to expand the capacity up to 5.4 MGD to accommodate for planned growth within the service area. Disinfected tertiary treated wastewater from the Facility is discharged to Old River, a water of the United States within the legal boundary of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Discharger has completed construction of modifications and improvements to the Facility to improve treatment reliability and production of effluent quality that meets Title 22 recycled water applications, and the average dry weather flow treatment capacity has increased to 4 MGD. The Facility improvements included installation of two new influent pumps, new ultra-fine screening and grit removal headworks, replacing the sequencing batch reactors (SBRs) and disk filters with membrane bioreactors (MBRs), and upgrading the UV disinfection system. The capacity of the influent pump station has increased to 18 MGD to sustain peak wet weather flows.

On 28 January 2025 the Discharger requested an expansion of the permitted ADFW from 3 MGD to 4 MGD to be discharged to the Old River and provided the information demonstrating compliance with WDRs Section VI.C.1.i of the current Order.

Discharges from the Facility are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2023-0033, issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 22 June 2023. An Order is proposed to amend the NPDES permit to increase the ADWF from 3 MGD to 4 MGD.

Public Hearing Date and Location

A public hearing concerning the tentative Order will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 22 August 2025
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: State Water Resources Control Board
Byron Sher Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Physical meeting location with remote meeting option

The [final meeting agenda](#)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the anticipated date the hearing will be held for this item and 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 tentative Order.

Nature and Purpose of Hearing

At the hearing, the Central Valley Water Board will hear testimony and oral comments regarding the tentative Order. This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The [procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648 et seq. and are available upon request.

Prehearing Submission of Written Comments and Evidence

The **Discharger** is a party to this proceeding. As a party, the Discharger must submit written evidence or comments, if any, for the Board to consider no later than 5:00 p.m. on **24 July 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Interested persons include any non-party that is interested in the outcome of the hearing. Interested persons wishing to comment, in writing, on the tentative Order shall submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on **24 July 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.4, the Board Chair may refuse to admit written evidence or comments that are not submitted in accordance with this Notice and shall refuse to do so when there is a showing of prejudice to the Discharger or the Board. Excluded material will not be considered by the Board.

Visual Presentations

Hearing participants may use PowerPoint or other visual presentations at the hearing, but the presentation content shall not exceed the scope of previously submitted written material. Presentations, if any, must be provided to the below Central Valley Water Board Contact by 12:00 p.m. on **18 August 2025**.

Hearing Procedure and Time Limits

The hearing on the tentative Order will be conducted in the general order listed under California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 648.5, except that the Board Chair may modify the order for good cause.

The **Discharger** will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation and closing statement. The Discharger is invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time it believes is necessary.

Interested persons may speak at the hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals, if any. Each interested person will have 3 minutes to present oral comments. Additional time may be provided, upon request, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

Hearing Accommodations

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov or call 916-464-4839 at least 5 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.

Availability of Documents

The tentative Order and related documents may be found on the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Scheduling an appointment to review the file by contacting the below Central Valley Water Board Contact in advance is not required but calling ahead will help ensure timely access to these documents.

Central Valley Water Board Contact

Anyone having questions regarding this hearing item should contact Saranya Elankovan at (916) 464-4742 or Saranya.Elankovan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Originally Signed by
Adam Laputz on 24 June 2025

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