## CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

### TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2025-XXXX FOR

# STALLION SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY KERN COUNTY

#### **Discharger and Tentative Order Information**

Stallion Springs Community Services District's (Discharger) Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located at 27800 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the unincorporated community of Stallion Springs and serves a population of approximately 952 in Kern County. The Facility discharges an average dry weather flow of up to 0.1 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated wastewater to Chanac Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to Tejon Creek.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider the adoption of a Time Schedule Order. The Discharger submitted an infeasibility report requesting time to come into compliance with the proposed final effluent limitations for total ammonia and pH in the Discharger's upcoming renewal of its Notice of Applicability under the general permit titled <a href="Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water Order R5-2023-0025">Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water Order R5-2023-0025</a> (NPDES CAG585001). Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed containing a schedule for compliance with the proposed final effluent limitations.

#### **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: 21-22 August 2025 TIME: To Be Determined

PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(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

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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 <u>procedures governing Central Valley Water Board adjudicatory hearings</u> (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 and may present evidence, including oral testimony. 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 **14 July 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at <a href="mailto:CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov">CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov</a> and copy <a href="mailto:Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov">Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

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 14 July 2025 to the Central Valley Water Board email at <a href="mailto:CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov">CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov</a> and copy <a href="mailto:Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov">Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

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.

#### **Requesting Party Status**

Persons who wish to participate in the hearing as a party must submit a request in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **14 July 2025** to the Central Valley Water Board email at <a href="mailto:CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov">CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov</a> and copy <a href="mailto:Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov">Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov</a>. The request must include facts demonstrating how the person will be substantially affected by the proceeding.

The Board Chair will not designate a person as a party if the Board Chair determines the designation will impair the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding. The Board Chair, when granting a request for party status, may impose restrictions on the requestor's hearing participation, including limiting or excluding the use of cross-examination and other procedures to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

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#### **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. by **19 August 2025**.

#### **Hearing Procedure and Time Limits**

The hearing on the tentative Orders 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** and any other designated party will be advised in advance of the hearing of the total amount of time allocated for its presentation, including any witness examination, and closing statement. The Discharger and any other designated party are invited to contact staff in advance of the hearing to discuss how much time they 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 three 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 <a href="mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov">agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov</a> or call 916-464-4839 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.

#### **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/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706-2007 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 Lovdeep Singh at (559) 445-5130 or at <a href="Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov">Lovdeep.Singh@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.

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

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Alexander Mushegan, Supervising Engineer