

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E STREET, Fresno, California 93706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning
PROPOSED RESCISSION ORDER R5-2025-XXXX

CITY OF TAFT
TAFT FEDERAL PRISON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2009-0054
KERN 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: 9/10 October 2025
TIME: TBD
PLACE: TBD

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](#)

(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 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 rescission Order.

Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 24 July 2025. Please email any comments to Cruz.Romero@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line, "City of Taft, Tentative Rescission for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2009-0054." While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Cruz Romero
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 **24 July 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 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2009-0054, which prescribes requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from the Taft Federal Prison Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) located at 1510 Cadet Rd, Taft, CA 93268. WDRs Order R5-2009-0054 was adopted in April 2009 and authorizes the discharge of domestic

wastewater up to 0.46 million gallons per day from the Facility to land. Operations at the Facility are reported to have ceased around 2020. Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) conducted an inspection of the Facility on 6 November 2024 and observed that the Facility was inactive. On 28 February 2025, the Discharger sent an email to Staff requesting that WDRs Order R5-2009-0054 be rescinded due to the prison's closure on 30 April 2020. In addition, the Discharger submitted a workplan describing the planned activities to close of the Facility. Reports and supplemental information documenting completion of workplan activities were submitted by the Kern County Department of Public Works and the Discharger on 29 April 2025 and 5 May 2025. On 6 May 2025, Central Valley Water Board staff sent a letter deeming that the closure workplan was complete.

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"

(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 Cruz Romero at (559) 445-5036 or Cruz.Romero@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).

Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

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Taft Federal Prison Wastewater Treatment Facility
Kern County

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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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