

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning

TENTATIVE RESOLUTION

AMENDING RESOLUTION R5-2019-0041
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, CONCERNING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
DREDGING OF STOCKTON AND SACRAMENTO DEEP WATER SHIP CHANNELS
SACRAMENTO, SAN JOAQUIN, AND SOLANO COUNTIES

The Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel and Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel are dredged annually by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District (USACE). This dredging is undertaken for maintenance purposes and does not involve a significant expansion or modification of the channels. In 2019, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with USACE which coordinates water quality control measures for ongoing operation and maintenance dredging activities within the Stockton and Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channels. The MOU will remain in effect through the 2029 maintenance dredging fiscal year. Due to new dredging technology and limited capacity at existing approved dredge material placement sites (DMPSSs), the MOU is being amended to include alternative dredging methods, McDonald Island as an approved dredge material placement site, and other minor dredging operation updates.

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: 26/27 February 2026
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: California Regional Water Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; or
Remote Meeting via Video Teleconference

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 [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings).

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board **no later than 5 p.m. on 19 January 2026**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board via email to Jenna.Yang@Waterboards.ca.gov **no later than by 5:00 p.m. on 19 January 2026**. Written materials submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the above date will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Jenna Yang at (916) 464-4764, or by email at Jenna.Yang@Waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from 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 can 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.

The [final meeting agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order.

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) may be found at Title 23, California

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Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

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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) 464-4620 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.

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

ADAM LAPUTZ,
Assistant Executive Officer

19 December 2025