

**Notice of Public Hearing
of
Draft Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2023-0013
for
Hopland Public Utility District
Wastewater Treatment Facility
WDID No. 1B80154OMEN
Mendocino County**

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt Waste Discharge Requirements for the Hopland Public Utility District, Wastewater Treatment Facility, Order No. R1-2023-0013.

This item will be open for public comment between **January 25, 2023, and February 24, 2023**.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider adoption of the draft Order is scheduled for the Regional Water Board's **June 8 and 9, 2023** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. Please follow the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the CalEPA Public Meeting Live Webcasts page (<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>). The public hearing will be recorded. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the draft Order.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/) At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the draft Order.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office written copies of all legal argument, technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by the deadline listed above.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov **no later than 5:00 pm on February 24, 2023**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4). During the pendency of this proceeding, there shall be no ex parte communications between Regional Water Board members and participants. This includes communications on substantive or controversial procedural matters. (Gov. Code, §§ 11430.10-11430.80.)

The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three minutes. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The Proposed Order, related documents, and comments, received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. To make an appointment for document review, please call (707) 576-2220.

The order and any associated documents are also available on the Regional Water Board's website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/npdes_permits_and_wdrs/

Accessibility

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact the Regional Water Board's front office at 707-576-2220 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

Questions regarding the draft Order should be directed to Lynette Shipsey, by phone at 707-576-2460 or email at Lynette.Shipsey@waterboards.ca.gov.

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