

**4 JUNE 2026 BOARD MEETING
UNCONTESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM: 14

SUBJECT:

The following are proposed permits for consideration of adoption. All agencies and dischargers concur or have offered no comments.

BOARD ACTION:

Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewals.

BACKGROUND:

**A) LINCOLN CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION TRUST
GROUNDWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

The Lincoln Center Environmental Remediation Trust (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and Geosyntec Consultants is the operator of the Lincoln Center Environmental Remediation Trust Groundwater Treatment System (hereinafter Facility), a groundwater extraction and treatment system designed to remove volatile organic compounds from groundwater with a permitted flow of 0.25 million gallons per day.

The Facility discharges treated groundwater infrequently to Fourteen Mile Slough, a water of the United States within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Discharger is currently regulated by Order R5-2021-0006 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No CA0084255 adopted on 18 February 2021, with an expiration date of 31 March 2026. An Order is proposed to renew the NPDES permit. The proposed permit carries forward the current effluent limits for arsenic, total petroleum hydrocarbons, and volatile organic compounds and removes effluent limits for barium, electrical conductivity, and acute whole effluent toxicity.

Treated groundwater is also discharged to an in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) dosing and groundwater reinjection system. The reinjection system is regulated under separate General Order R5-2015-0012, *General Waste Discharge Requirements for In-Situ Groundwater Remediation and Discharge of Treated Groundwater to Land*, as Order R5-2015-0012-013.

The tentative Order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 25 March 2026 with comments due by 27 April 2026. The Discharger submitted minor editorial comments and typo corrections. No other comments were received.

**B) SACRAMENTO AREA SEWER DISTRICT, ECHOWATER RESOURCE
RECOVERY FACILITY, SACRAMENTO COUNTY – CONSIDERATION OF
NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA077682)**

The Sacramento Area Sewer District (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility (Facility), formerly called the Sacramento Regional

Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Discharger provides wastewater treatment service to the Cities of Sacramento, Folsom, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, and West Sacramento, the communities of Courtland and Walnut Grove, and portions of the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. The population served is approximately 1.63 million people. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 181 MGD. The Facility discharges tertiary-treated effluent to the Sacramento River, a water of the United States, just downstream of the Freeport Bridge via an outfall diffuser and is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2021-0019-02 (NPDES No. CA0077682), issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 22 April 2021 and amended on 14 October 2022 and 12 October 2023.

A tentative Order is proposed to renew Order R5-2021-0019-02 (NPDES No. CA0078948). The tentative Order includes new or updated effluent limitations for ammonia, nitrate plus nitrite, and chronic toxicity. The tentative Order removes effluent limits for copper, settleable solids, acute toxicity, the performance-based effluent limitation for electrical conductivity, and mass effluent limitations for ammonia and nitrate plus nitrite.

The tentative Order was issued for a 30-day public comment period on 27 March 2026 with comments due on 28 April 2026. Public comments were received from the Discharger and the Pakan'yani Maidu of Strawberry Valley Rancheria tribe. A Response to Comments document is included in the agenda package that summarizes the written comments followed by responses by Central Valley Water Board staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the NPDES Permit and TSO.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	
Legal Review:	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

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