Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Public Outreach Meeting

Expansion of Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Operations at the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility

Staff from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a public meeting on December 15, 2026 to solicit community input into the proposed expansion of non-hazardous waste disposal operation at the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility. This meeting will be hybrid with in-person and virtual attendance options.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements R5-20XX-XXXX were issued on November 16, 2026 and contain proposed changes to the operations at the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a summary of the proposed permit changes and to provide the public the opportunity to comment, ask questions, and discuss the facility with staff from our agency. Additional information about this meeting is provided below.

Participation Options

Date: December 15, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM
Location: In person OR virtual
Participate in person:
Buttonwillow Recreation Center
556 Milo Avenue
Buttonwillow, California 93206

Participate virtually:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fMbgM0IjTj6BVfmrMONO4A

Language Services

This meeting will be offered in English with interpretation services in Spanish.

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- Submit an online request: Language Access Form
- Call (916) 341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

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Background

The Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility is proposing to expand its non-hazardous waste disposal operations by adding three additional non-hazardous waste management units within its existing facility boundary. Clean Harbors is also constructing treatment buildings and upgrading their facility as required by their permit with the Department of Toxic Substances Control and adding additional acreage for the storage of clean soil. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is proposing to modify Clean Harbors existing permit, called “Waste Discharge Requirements or WDRs” to incorporate the facility upgrades, the proposed expansion, and to add the property for clean soil storage.

The tentative WDRs were issued on November 16, 2026 with a 60 day public comment period ending on January 15, 2027. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff will be holding a public outreach meeting to give interested parties the opportunities to ask questions, provide comments, or discuss the proposed changes.

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A copy of the tentative WDRs can be found here:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#kernco