# Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
concerning
**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-20XX-XXXX**
**CLEAN HARBORS BUTTONWILLOW, LLC**
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**2500 LOKERN ROAD, BUTTONWILLOW, CA, 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 Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

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| **DATE:** | **April 2027** |
| **TIME:** | **To be determined** |
| **PLACE:** | **To be determined** |

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after this Notice is issued**. An additional Notice will be emailed at least 30 days prior to the meeting date with the specific date, time, and location**. A public outreach meeting will be held during the comment period. 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 (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings) and will be emailed to all persons that sign up for the GovDelivery e-mail list at (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 persons 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 written and oral comments on the proposed Order before it votes on whether to adopt the Order.

**Written comments or evidence concerning the Order must be submitted by 5:00 pm on 15 January 2027**. Please email any comments to Elizabeth Welch at Elizabeth.Welch@waterboards.ca.gov. While email is preferred, written comments may also be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Elizabeth Welch
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. Instructions for how to provide oral comments will be included in the Final Agenda for the meeting.

## "Parties" and "Interested Persons"

Participants in the hearing will be considered "parties" or "interested persons."

**Parties** include the person(s) to whom the agency action is directed and any other person(s) whom the Board determines should be designated as a party. Parties may present written evidence, offer witness testimony, cross-examine witnesses, and provide closing statements. At the time of this Notice, the party(s) to this action are:

Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC

**Interested Persons** are those individuals and organizations that are interested in the outcome of the hearing who have not been designated as a party. Interested persons are generally allowed up to three minutes each to provide oral comments during the

Board meeting. Interested persons may request that the Board Chair authorize a longer time period for their comments.

Both Parties and Interested Persons may be asked to respond to questions from the Board or its staff.

## Proposed Order

If adopted, Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-202X-XXXX will prescribe requirements for management of waste discharged from the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility, located at 2500 Lokern Road, Buttonwillow, CA. The facility is owned and operated by Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC (Discharger). The Discharger will be responsible for maintaining compliance with Order requirements.

The WDRs include proposed changes to the facility, including the following: facility upgrades; the expansion of their non-hazardous waste disposal operations with the addition of three new, non-hazardous waste management units; the addition of 320 acres to be used solely for clean soil storage; and, incorporating additional monitoring requirements.

The Facility's waste discharges are currently regulated under WDRs Order R5-96-094. If adopted, the proposed WDRs Order will rescind and replace the previous Order.

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," at (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, 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 Elizabeth Welch at (559)445-6127 or elizabeth.welch@waterboards.ca.gov.

## Other Information

Any person or organization may request to be recognized as a party to the proceeding by submitting a written statement describing why they would like to be considered a party, their interest in presenting evidence rather than policy statements or legal arguments, and an acknowledgement that those testifying may be subject to cross examination consistent with applicable regulations. Such requests must be submitted to Elizabeth Welch at elizabeth.welch@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 pm on 15 January 2027**.

The Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings may be found in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 1.5 (starting with section 647) and are available upon request or via the web, at (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/).

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).

All meeting procedure information is also available upon request to any of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Mindy Bunn at (916) 464-4839 or Mindy.Bunn@waterboards.ca.gov.

*Digitally signed by Scott Hatton*
**Scott Hatton**
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