



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**NOTICE
TENTATIVE NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY
FOR COVERAGE UNDER
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS/NPDES PERMIT
(ORDER R5-2023-0025; NPDES CAG585001)
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET OBJECTIVES/
CRITERIA AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER
FOR
UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLACER COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have determined that the Thunder Valley Casino Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) remains eligible for coverage under General Order R5-2023-0025 for Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order). Enclosed is a tentative Notice of Applicability (NOA) for the Facility.

The United Auburn Indian Community owns and operates the Thunder Valley Casino Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Facility provides sewerage service for the Thunder Valley Casino and serves a population that fluctuates with patronage. The Facility treats wastewater from the casino resort, fire station, onsite laundry, and central plant operations. The design average dry weather flow capacity of the Facility is 0.70 million gallons per day. The Facility is currently authorized under the existing NOA R5-2017-0085-014 to discharge treated municipal wastewater to Orchard Creek. The tentative NOA, once final and effective, would provide coverage for the Facility's discharge under the Municipal General Order, at which time the terms and conditions in Order R5-2017-0085-014 will cease to be effective except for enforcement purposes.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the tentative NOA should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on **8 May 2026** in order for the Central

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Valley Water Board's Executive Officer to give them full consideration prior to the finalization and issuance of the NOA. Please submit comments or recommendations to this office via email to RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy email to Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov .

After the close of the public comment period Central Valley Water Board staff will review comments, respond as necessary, and the tentative NOA may be revised if appropriate. If substantial written comments are not received by the due date, the Executive Officer will issue the final NOA in accordance with the Municipal General Order. If substantial comments are received by the due date, any member of the public may request an oral hearing before the Central Valley Water Board. If deemed appropriate by the Executive Officer, a subsequent notice of public hearing will be issued so the matter can be considered at a future Central Valley Water Board meeting.

The tentative NOA is available on the [Central Valley Water Board website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). The [Municipal General Order is available online from the webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2023-0025.pdf) at: (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r5-2023-0025.pdf).

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NOA or would like to request a copy of the Municipal General Order, contact Will Chen at (916) 464-4805 or email to Will.Chen@waterboards.ca.gov.

Joshua Palmer, PE
Senior Engineer

Enclosure:
Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

cc:
Peter Kozelka, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco (email only)
Prasad Gullapalli, U.S. EPA Region IX, San Francisco (email only)
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento
U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa
Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)
Division of Drinking Water, State Water Board, Sacramento
California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region II, Rancho Cordova
State Department of Public Health, Environmental Management Branch, Sacramento
State Office of Historical Preservation, Sacramento
Placer County Health & Human Services, Auburn
Chron File (RB5S-chron@Waterboards.ca.gov)

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Xuan Luo, Central Valley Water Board, Rancho Cordova (email only)
Debbie Mackey, Central Valley Clean Water Association, Grass Valley (email only)
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Richard McHenry, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (email only)
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