



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
CITY OF WILLIAMS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
COLUSA COUNTY**

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff have determined that the City of Williams' Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) is 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. An NOA was originally noticed 25 March 2025 with public comments due 9 April 2025. The effluent limitation for electrical conductivity has since been removed from the NOA warranting this notice. The NOA contains an effluent trigger for electrical conductivity in lieu of the effluent limitation. See Appendix C. section II, of the NOA for detailed rationale for the change.

The City of Williams owns and operates the Facility, located at 501 N. Colusa Cut Opf Road, Williams, CA 95987. The Facility is a publicly owned treatment works and provides sewerage service for the community of Williams and serves a population of approximately 5,487. The Facility provides disinfected tertiary treatment for municipal wastewater at a design average dry weather flow of 0.5 million gallons per day. The Central Valley Water Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency classify the Facility as a minor facility.

The Facility is currently authorized to discharge under previous Municipal General Order R5-2017-0085-02 through NOA R5-2017-0085-008 to discharge disinfected tertiary-treated municipal wastewater to Salt Creek, a water of the United States in Colusa

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County, which flows to Freshwater Creek, a tributary to the Colusa Basin Drain. 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 NOA R5-2017-0085-008 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 **7 May 2026** in order for the Central 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](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov) to RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy [email](mailto:Joshua.Palmer@waterboards.ca.gov) 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 not currently available online but can be requested by email or phone from the [NPDES Permitting Contacts](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/contacts) webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/waste_to_surface_water/contacts).

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NOA or would like to request a copy of the Municipal General Order, contact David Kirn at (916) 464-4761 or [email](mailto:David.Kirn@waterboards.ca.gov) to David.Kirn@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Enclosure:
Tentative Notice of Applicability (Discharger Only)

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