
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, PAULSELL LATERAL EXPANSION PROJECT, STANISLAUS COUNTY

TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

Enclosed are tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for the Paulsell Lateral Expansion Project (Project) in Stanislaus County.

The 65.45-acre Project will support groundwater (GW) sustainability in the Modesto Subbasin Number 5-22-02 (Subbasin). Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) proposes to divert up to 25,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of available surface water from the Stanislaus River under existing water rights to facilitate recharge outside OID's service area in the Modesto and Eastern San Joaquin Subbasins. Infrastructure improvements are needed to increase the capacity of OID's Paulsell Lateral to convey the available surface water to lands currently dependent on GW. The lateral was constructed solely for the purpose of delivering irrigation water. The project is anticipated to increase groundwater levels, increase groundwater storage, prevent subsidence by reducing withdrawal of groundwater, support interconnected surface water, and increase water supply reliability.

The project will strategically rehabilitate, automate, and increase the capacity of the Paulsell Lateral from 30 cubic feet per second (CFS) up to a maximum of 180 CFS at the headgate located at Cashman Dam to accommodate and deliver available surface water to the Area Served by the project. The entire length of the Paulsell Lateral will be thoroughly evaluated to confirm the specific infrastructure improvements needed to increase capacity (e.g., canal and siphon enlargements) and the automation improvements to enhance operations and provide optimal groundwater sustainability. The project is also expected to improve irrigation service to OID's in-District customers served by Paulsell Lateral (approximately 4,600 acres), broadly encouraging beneficial use of available surface water in lieu of groundwater.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18 October 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: TBD
Clearlake, CA; and
Remote Meeting via Video Teleconference

This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference, but the format may be changed in the future. Any person wishing to obtain information about changes to the date, time, location, or format of the meeting should visit the [Board's website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/).

The [final meeting agenda](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) will be available at least **10 days** before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the enclosed tentative Waste Discharge Requirements must be submitted to this office by **5:00 pm on 29 August 2024** in order for them to receive full consideration prior to the 17/18 October 2024 Board meeting. Comments received after this time will not be considered or included in the administrative record unless allowed by the Board's Chair. In order to conserve paper and reduce mailing costs, a paper copy of the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements has been sent only to Scot Moody, of the Oakdale Irrigation District. Interested parties are advised that the full text of the Waste Discharge Requirements is available on the Central Valley Water Board's web site at [Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) under the heading of "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Regional Board Meetings".

Although it is not required, we would appreciate receiving comments before the due date above. Anyone without access to the Internet who needs a paper copy of the tentative General Order should contact Carter Cook at (916) 464-4699 or Carter.Cook@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements

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