
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Dear General Permit Enrollees and Other Interested Parties:

RE-ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT NO. CAG9930002 – PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER NO. R3-2016-0035, DRAFT HIGHLY TREATED GROUNDWATER GENERAL NPDES PERMIT

Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2011-0222 (NPDES Permit No. CAG993002) will expire on November 30, 2016. The permit has been administratively extended until the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) reissues the new draft NPDES permit (Order No. R3-2016-0035) at the Central Coast Water Board's regularly scheduled public meeting on **December 8-9, 2016**, in Watsonville, CA.

Please see the attached Public Notice Order No. R3-2016-0035 for the new draft Highly Treated Groundwater General NPDES Permit. Central Coast Water Board staff has not proposed any substantive changes to the reissued permit and proposes to reissue the order for five years. The draft Order No. R3-2016-0035 is available for your review and comment on our website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

Please submit your written comments on the draft Order to centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov or to the address noted above no later than **October 26, 2016**. If you have questions regarding the proposed Order, please contact **Jessica Taylor** at **(805) 542-4786** (Jessica.taylor@waterboards.ca.gov) or Sheila Soderberg at (805)549-3592, sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Public Notice Order No. R3-2016-0035

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GeoTracker Cases: Whittaker Ordnance Inc. (SL202161254), Watkins-Johnson (SLT35581367), Scotts Valley Dry Cleaners (SLT355621370), Former Chevron 9-7517 (T0608700043), Former Shell Hercules (SL203331271)

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
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Public Notice No. R3-2016-0035
NPDES No. CAG993002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 8-9, 2016

**REISSUANCE OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (ORDER NO. R3-2016-0035)
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

FOR

DISCHARGES OF HIGHLY TREATED GROUNDWATER

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to re-issue waste discharge requirements for Discharges of Highly Treated Groundwater to surface water. Parties responsible for inadvertent or illegal discharges of pollution to the environment are required to clean up this pollution, often extracting groundwater to de-water an excavation or to control the polluted groundwater from migrating off of the property. Discharges of highly treated groundwater to surface water may be continuous or intermittent or just one time. When the groundwater is treated, these discharges do not contain pollutants and therefore pose little or no threat to water quality and the environment. In December 2011, the Central Coast Water Board adopted a General NPDES Permit to regulate these discharges in the Central Coast Region and this permit expires on November 30, 2016. Central Coast Water Board staff propose to reissue this Highly Treated Groundwater General NPDES Permit with no substantive changes.

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the proposed waste discharge requirements on **December 8 - 9, 2016** at the:

Watsonville City Council Chambers
275 Main Street – 4th Floor (new bldg.)
Watsonville, CA 95076

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing via email to the Central Coast Water Board at centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov or to its office in San Luis Obispo no later than **October 26, 2016**. All comments received before that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the draft Order after **October 26, 2016**, unless the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship, and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by **October 26, 2016**. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

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Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The subject documents are available for review on our website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders. The draft order, fact sheet, related documents, and all comments received may be inspected and copied at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please direct any comments and questions to **Jessica Taylor at (805) 542-4786** (Jessica.Taylor@waterboards.ca.gov) or Sheila Soderberg at (805) 549-3592 (or sheila.soderberg@waterboards.ca.gov) at this office.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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