

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER

**AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ORDER R5-2020-0051  
NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
PERMIT CA0083861**

FOR

**AEROJET ROCKETDYNE INC., GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION AND TREATMENT  
SYSTEMS, ARGET, GET EF, GET HA, GET AB, GET J, GET AB, GET KA, WHITE  
ROCK GET, SAILOR BAR GET, GOLDEN STATE WATER WELLS AND LOW  
THREAT DISCHARGES  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc. currently discharges treated groundwater from its nine Groundwater Extraction and Treatment (GET) Systems to Buffalo Creek, Morrison Creek and the American River in the City of Rancho Cordova. These receiving waters are waters of the United States within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The treatment systems primarily remove volatile organics, perchlorate, n-nitrosodimethylamine and 1,4-dioxane. The treatment systems are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2020-0051 issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) on 16 October 2020. The proposed order will amend R5-2020-0051 to correct a few effluent limitations and monitoring requirements that were unintentional revised during conversion of the draft permit to the tentative version making it ADA-compliant. These minor changes will restore some requirements found in the previous version of the renewed NPDES permit.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 18/19 February 2021  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Online Meeting

In accordance with Executive Orders suspending certain provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted as an online meeting only. Please visit our website for information on [How to participate in online meetings](#) at:

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)).

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Aerojet Rocketdyne Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 11 January 2021**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. on **15 January 2021**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **15 January 2021** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Alexander MacDonald at (916) 464-4625 or [amacdonald@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amacdonald@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's [Tentative Orders Page](#) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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.

The [Procedures Governing Central Valley Water Board Meetings](#) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) may be found at Title 23,

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California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

[Information on Meeting and Hearing Procedures](#)

([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to the Central Valley Water Board Sacramento Office at (916) 464-3291.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to send an e-mail to [agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:agenda5@waterboards.ca.gov) or call (916) 464-4620 at least 5 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.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by:

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John Baum, Assistant Executive Officer

15 December 2020