

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 WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, INC.
ALTAMONT SOLIDIFICATION FACILITY
ALAMEDA COUNTY

Waste discharge requirements (WDRs) are tentatively being issued to Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (Discharger) for the proposed Altamont Solidification Facility (Facility) located at the Altamont Landfill Resource Recovery Facility (ALRRF) at 10840 Altamont Pass Road, which is approximately 3.5 miles east of the City of Livermore's eastern boundary in Alameda County.

The proposed Facility is related to the ALRRF, a municipal solid waste landfill, which is also owned and operated by the Discharger. The proposed Facility is situated on less than 0.5-acres on the ALRRF property. Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2021-0020, Directive 17 requires the Discharger to "...submit a Report of Waste Discharge to install [ALRRF] off waste liquid solidification basins completed as Class II liquid waste management units" to facilitate decommissioning of existing substandard solidification basins on ALRRF, Fill Area 1. Between 19 October 2021 and 9 July 2023, the Discharger submitted multiple elements of a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) for the proposed Altamont Solidification Facility in response to the Directive. The ROWD includes, in part, a Design Report, Operations and Maintenance Plan, proposed monitoring plan, cost estimate for clean closure, and a completed signed application form for waste discharge requirements.

The proposed solidification basins' purpose and function is to solidify liquid wastes with various solid wastes (described as "extenders") in concrete lined basins constructed as Class II surface impoundments with an adjacent stockpile area constructed as a waste pile, within the meaning of California Code of Regulations, title 27 ("Title 27"), section 20005 et seq.

These tentative WDRs would establish construction standards and final construction detail approval process for three new proposed waste management units: (1) "Yellow Flag" basin designed to hold 350 tons of liquid wastes; (2) "Blue Flag" basin designed to hold 70 tons of liquid wastes; and (1) Extender Stockpile and Work Area used for operational storage of Treated Auto Shredder Waste (TASW) and access for equipment, customer trucks, and trucks hauling TASW produced by others. The tentative WDRs would provide for a process for the Discharger to establish background groundwater conditions, develop a detection monitoring plan designed to distinguish possible release from the ALRRF from a possible release from the proposed Solidification Facility, and establish water quality protection standards for the proposed new waste management units prior to use.

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The tentative WDRs would also require the Dischargers to provide for the ultimate clean closure of the Facility, including but not limited to, maintaining financial assurances to ensure clean closure of the Facility.

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

DATE: 18/19 April 2024
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Remote meeting via video and teleconference (Gov. Code, § 11123.2), and/or in-person meeting planned to be conducted at the Central Valley Water Board Office at 1685 "E" Street in Fresno, California 93706.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION MAY CHANGE AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES ABOUT CHANGES TO THE DATE, TIME, LOCATION, OR FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATION VIA [GOVDELIVERY](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=central_valley).

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Meeting Information, as well as additional information on participating in the public hearing can be found on the [Regional Board Meeting Calendar webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/).

Also, please visit our website for information on [How To Participate In Online Meetings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/remote_meeting/#join_remotely) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/remote_meeting/#join_remotely).

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Waste Management of Alameda County, 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 13 March 2024**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The Tentative Permit was issued for a 30-day public comment period on **12 February 2024** and comments are due by **5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2024**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2024** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any person 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 Brad Shelton at (916) 464-1588 or brad.shelton@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested persons may contact Brad Shelton to obtain a copy of the tentative Order and related documents. 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) (http://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 California Code of Regulations, title 23, 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 Ms. Mindy Maxwell at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Mindy Maxwell at (916) 464-4839 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:

John J. Baum, P.E.
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