

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

ORDER R5-2024-0031

**AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER
R5-2021-0025
FOR
CITY OF CORCORAN
CORCORAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KINGS COUNTY**

FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), finds that:

BACKGROUND

1. The Corcoran Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF or Facility) receives wastewater from residential and commercial sources within the City of Corcoran (City or Discharger). The WWTF consists of headworks, two primary clarifiers, one clay aeration pond, one anaerobic digester, sludge drying beds, five evaporation/percolation ponds, and land application areas (LAAs).
2. On 22 April 2021, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2021-0025, prescribing requirements for improvements to the WWTF. WDRs Order R5-2021-0025 authorized the continued discharge of wastewater from the WWTF, including the proposed upgrades to the Facility. The WDRs were updated to ensure the discharge is consistent with water quality plans and policies.
3. Effluent Limitations D.1 of WDRs Order R5-2021-0025 states, in part, the following:
 1. *Effluent discharged to the LAAs, monitored at EFF-001 (as defined in the MRP), shall not exceed the limits specified in Table 15 below in accordance with the compliance schedule specified in Provisions I.2.*

Table 15 - Effluent Limits

Constituent	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average
BOD ₅ ¹	40 mg/L	80 mg/L
TSS ²	40 mg/L	80 mg/L

1. *BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand)*

2. *TSS (Total Suspended Solids)*

4. Central Valley Water Board staff identified a typographical error in section D.1.,

Effluent Limitations, Table 15 - Effluent Limits. The daily maximum effluent limits for both BOD and TSS should have been 80 mg/L instead of the listed 40 mg/L, and the monthly average for BOD and TSS should have been 40 mg/L instead of the listed 80 mg/L. This Order amends Order R5-2021-0025 to correct the error in Table 15 described herein.

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5. This action to amend WDRs Order R5-2021-0025 is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, which exempts the "operation, repair, maintenance, [and] permitting ... of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features" from environmental review.

PUBLIC NOTICE

6. The Discharger, interested agencies, and other interested persons were notified of the Central Valley Water Board's intent to prescribe the WDRs in this Order and provided an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations at a public hearing. (See California Water Code, Section 13167.5)
7. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard, and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 13623 and 13267 of the California Water Code, Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2021-0025 is amended solely as shown in items 1 through 4, below.

1. The WDRs Order number is changed from R5-2021-0025 to R5-2021-0025-01 throughout the Order.
2. **Cover Page.** Modify the last paragraph to the text shown below:

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of the Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on **22 April 2021** and amended by order R5-2024-0031 on **21 June 2024**.

3. Replace Finding 94 in its entirety with the following:

The Central Valley Water Board will review and revise the WDRs in this Order as necessary. On 21 June 2024, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Amendment Order R5-2024-0031 to correct typographical errors (see Order R5-2024-0031).

4. Table 15 in Effluent Limitation D.1 shall be modified to correct the BOD and TSS daily

maximum and monthly average effluent limits as shown below (shown using strikeout/underline):

Constituent	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average
BOD ₅	40 80 mg/L	80 <u>40</u> mg/L
TSS	40 80 mg/L	80 <u>40</u> mg/L

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. [Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions](#) may be found on the internet at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality/

or will be provided upon request.

This Order is effective as of the date of adoption.

I, PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 21 June 2024.

PATRICK PULUPA, Executive Officer