

Reference Document for Electronic Delivery of CCRs, Appendix B
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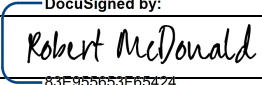
APPENDIX B: eCCR Certification Form (Suggested Format)

Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form (To be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

Water System Name:	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Water System Number:	4210001

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on **June 26, 2024** (date) to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW).

Certified by:

Name: Robert T. McDonald <small>DocuSigned by:</small>	Title: General Manager
Signature: 	Date: 8/6/2024
Phone number: 805-263-4826	blank

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please complete this page by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery methods (attach description of other direct delivery methods used).
- CCR was distributed using electronic delivery methods described in the Guidance for Electronic Delivery of the Consumer Confidence Report (water systems utilizing electronic delivery methods must complete the second page).
- "Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. Those efforts included the following methods:
 - Posting the CCR at the following URL: www.cvwd.net/documents/2023CCR.pdf
 - Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach zip codes used)
 - Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
 - Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
 - Posted the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)
 - Delivery of multiple copies of CCR to single-billed addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and schools
 - Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
 - Publication of the CCR in the electronic city newsletter or electronic community newsletter or listserv (attach a copy of the article or notice)

- Electronic announcement of CCR availability via social media outlets (attach list of social media outlets utilized)
- Other (attach a list of other methods used)
- For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following URL: www._____
- For privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

Consumer Confidence Report Electronic Delivery Certification

Water systems utilizing electronic distribution methods for CCR delivery must complete this page by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate.

- Water system mailed a notification that the CCR is available and provides a direct URL to the CCR on a publicly available website where it can be viewed (attach a copy of the mailed CCR notification). URL: www.cvwd.net/documents/2023CCR.pdf
- Water system emailed a notification that the CCR is available and provides a direct URL to the CCR on a publicly available site on the Internet where it can be viewed (attach a copy of the emailed CCR notification). URL: www._____
- Water system emailed the CCR as an electronic file email attachment.
- Water system emailed the CCR text and tables inserted or embedded into the body of an email, not as an attachment (attach a copy of the emailed CCR).
- Requires prior DDW review and approval.* Water system utilized other electronic delivery method that meets the direct delivery requirement.

Provide a brief description of the water system's electronic delivery procedures and include how the water system ensures delivery to customers unable to receive electronic delivery.

Carpinteria Valley Water District's electronic procedure consists of a saturated post card mailing to all residents and businesses within the District's boundaries (Carpinteria zip codes 93013 and 93014) notifying them of the 2023 CCR's availability for viewing and printing directly from the District's website, www.cvwd.net/documents/2023CCR.pdf . Printed copies may also be obtained by contacting the District at info@cvwd.net or calling 805-684-2816.

This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c) of the California Code of Regulations.

Carpinteria Valley Water District
Water Quality **Report** - Good Faith Efforts

Zip Codes of Postal Patrons Mailed Postcard Notification

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93014

Published ad in local newspaper notifying public of CCR's availability

Copy of ad in local newspaper, Coastal View News

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Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report Available Online July 1, 2024

CVWD's Annual Water Quality Report for Carpinteria Valley Water District Customers provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered in 2023.

Read and print it directly from

www.cvwd.net/documents/2023CCR.pdf

A printed version of the report can also be obtained by contacting the District at info@cvwd.net or 805-684-2816.

Informe de Confianza del Consumidor de Agua Potable Disponible en línea el 1 de julio de 2024

Informe anual sobre la calidad del agua para el distrito de agua de Carpinteria Valley brinda detalles sobre la fuente y calidad del agua potable entregada a los clientes en 2023.

Léelo e imprímelo directamente desde

www.cvwd.net/documents/2023CCR.pdf

También puede obtener una versión impresa del informe en contactando al Distrito en info@cvwd.net o al 805-684-2816.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special needs can be met by calling the California Relay Service, 711.



Island Breeze Farms goes back to the drawing board

Cannabis operation must install carbon scrubbers for odor control, county planning says

BY MELINDA BURNS

Island Breeze Farms, a two-acre cannabis greenhouse operation across from the Polo Condos in the Carpinteria Valley, must revise its odor control plans to include state-of-the-art air filters known as carbon "scrubbers," the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission said June 26.

Voting 4-3, with Vice Chair Laura Bradley absent, the commission voted to continue the hearing to Oct. 2 so that the operators of Island Breeze could revise their plans. The current operation relies on a purchased "trapping" system to mask the pungent smell of pot wafting out of the greenhouse roof vents.

"The only thing that really works is carbon scrubbers, so it amazes me that today we're still discussing whether we use carbon scrubbers or not," said Commissioner John Parks, who represents the Santa Ynez Valley and the wine country west of Buellton. "... I'm never going to vote for another cannabis project again that doesn't have carbon scrubbers."

Carbon scrubbers imported from the Netherlands and tested in the valley have been shown to remove, on average, 90% of the smell of greenhouse cannabis before it escapes into the outside air. About 70 acres, or less than half of the 137 acres of greenhouse cannabis approved for zoning permits in the valley, are equipped with or slated for these or other models of scrubbers. The county has not mandated their use across-the-board, and zoning systems remain widespread.

At the hearing, Stacy Woods, a consultant for Island Breeze, told the commission that county inspectors had failed to detect cannabis odor at the property line during two visits in recent months. But she said, "We will agree to any additional odor conditions that your commission sees fit."

The cannabis operator, formerly a cut-flower and orchid business, is on a 13-acre property at 3076 Foothill Road owned by Island View Ranch. The prop-

erty is registered in state and county records to Robyn Whelan of Thousand Oaks and Lots 'n' More of Ventura. It includes the Island View Nursery and a wholesale nursery business. Whelan is the CEO of Island Breeze.

That 'stinky' air feeling

The project was at the commission Wednesday on appeal from an one-day earlier approval last year by the county planning department. The Polo Condos homeowners' association, representing 139 condominiums next to the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club at the western edge of the valley, filed the appeal.

Along with several other neighbors on Foothill, association members asked the commission to deny the Island Breeze project, saying that the smell of pot wafting into their homes, even with their windows closed and the air conditioning on, was affecting their health. They said it caused their eyes to burn, made them feel nauseous and triggered their migraine headaches. They noted that the current "grow," which operates in about one-third of the greenhouse space at Island Breeze, would likely expand to full production if and when a zoning permit is approved.

"If the odor is already what it is now, we can't imagine what it will be like, once they are growing more," Jim Marotta, the association president, said.

Bar Robertson, a 36-year resident at the Polo Condos, said, "We can smell the cannabis, especially at dusk. I have had breast cancer and both of my children have asthma, so it really is a serious concern for us."

Robertson and others noted that in addition to Island Breeze, cannabis greenhouses without scrubbers near the Polo Condos included G&S Flowers and K&B Flowers, eight acres at 3041 Foothill, and Green Valley and Ocean Hill Farms, 10 acres at 3613 Foothill. Santa Verde Farms, approved for 10 acres, is at 3603 Via Real, just south of the Polo Condos. It is not yet in operation.



The Polo Condos homeowners' association, representing 139 condominiums next to the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club at the western edge of the valley, filed an appeal of Island Breeze Farms' approval last year.

"I smell cannabis all the way from our condo to the high school," Robertson said. "I find that reprehensible to have young people exposed to that on an ongoing basis."

Robyn Geddes, an association board member, said, "Letting this happen where we live is just a downgrade. 'Second-of-cannabis farms, what's the appeal?'"

Formerly Commissioner Michael Cooney, who represents the valley, said he was ready to deny the Island Breeze project on Wednesday. And Cooney said he would not likely change his mind on Oct. 2.

"I want to signal publicly that I would be very unlikely to support any project no matter what the efforts were to mask or hide or defeat the odor within this grow," he said.

Cooney said he was getting a "déjà vu" feeling.

"It's concerning to me that the appellants are billing me their studies, but we've not been able to coordinate other than a few growers that the best available control technology is something we feel should be a part of every project," he said.

After the hearing, Geddes said that a requirement for scrubbers at Island Breeze would be "sort of a victory."

"I don't know how much we can control," he said. "It's going to be an industrial landscape."

Appeal dismissed

At the Polo Condos appeal, the commission approved that the county filed against Island View Ranch and Island Breeze in 2021, alleging that the cannabis greenhouse operation was "causing a continuous public nuisance" and engaging in "unfair competition" by operating without a county zoning permit at business hours.

It was the county's first and only public nuisance lawsuit against a cannabis

operation. But the suit was dismissed this May, after a settlement agreement was reached. (County officials did not respond to a reporter's request last week for information on the terms of the agreement.)

Deputy County Counsel Caille Klar told the commission that the lawsuit was not about odor, but rather about Island Breeze's status as a "legal, non-conforming" operation. The county also said, had obtained "additional evidence" confirming that status. Under county rules, operators who had been growing medicinal marijuana before early 2008 could sign an affidavit to that effect. They were then allowed to continue cultivating under "legal, non-conforming" status, so long as they applied for zoning permits.

The Polo Condos association contended that the Island Breeze affidavit had been falsified, but county planners said last Wednesday that the Civil Enforcement Office had reviewed it and found nothing amiss.

"It's over, from a legal standpoint," said Josh Lynn, an attorney for Island Breeze. "This firm has complied with the law."

Island Breeze is one of the last cannabis appeals still pending out of 99 appeals of 60 projects that have been filed with the commission and county Board of Supervisors since 2018. Most were filed because of odor complaints, and most were resolved in favor of the growers. The yearly cost to the county of these appeals, which are not fully covered by growers' fees, is \$379,000.

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 **Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report**

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