March 14, 2014

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL NPDES PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF NONPROCESS WASTEWATER TO SURFACE WATERS IN COASTAL WATERSHEDS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES (GENERAL NPDES PERMIT NO. CAG994003)

Enclosed are the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharges of Nonprocess Wastewater to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (hereafter, Tentative General Permit).

The enclosed Tentative General Permit consists of:

a. Board Order
b. Attachment A – Definitions, Acronyms & Abbreviations
c. Attachment B – Receiving Water Specific Limitations
d. Attachment C – Notice of Intent (NOI) Form
e. Attachment D – Federal Standard Provisions
f. Attachment E – Screening Levels for General NPDES Permits
g. Attachment F – Fact Sheet
h. Attachment G – Sample Monitoring and Reporting Program

Notice of the Tentative General Permit will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the areas to be covered by the General Permit. The proof of posting notice can be reviewed at the office of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board), or a copy can be mailed upon request.

I. Hearing Date and Location

The Regional Water Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: May 8, 2014
Time: 9:00 am
Location: City of Simi Valley, Council of Chambers
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California

Please check the Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/) for the most up-to-date public hearing date and location as it is subject to change. If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of the hearing, all items will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting. A continuance of this item will not automatically extend any deadlines set forth in this notice.

II. Availability of Documents

The Tentative General Permit, as well as other related documents, are posted on the Regional Water Board's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/. These documents are also available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Appointments are encouraged so the documents can be readily available upon arrival.

III. Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment on the Tentative General Permit, or submit evidence for the Regional Water Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by Board staff, included in the Board's agenda binder, and fully considered by the Board members in advance of the hearing, all written comments and evidence must be received at the Regional Water Board's office by **5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2014**. Written comments submitted electronically should be e-mailed to njain@waterboards.ca.gov and refer to "Nonprocess wastewater General NPDES Permit." Untimely submittal of written comments or evidence will not be accepted.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing on May 8, 2014 and present oral comments. Oral comments are generally limited to 3 minutes each for their comments, but can vary at the discretion of the Chair, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

IV. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications are allowed in this matter subject to the disclosure requirements of California Water Code section 13287. Please be advised that ex parte communications are prohibited for a period beginning 14 days before the board meeting at which the Tentative General Permit is scheduled for board action. **For communications concerning any issue in this proceeding, ex parte communications are prohibited starting on April 24, 2014.** If the Regional Water Board does not take action on May 8, 2014 the ex parte prohibition will remain in place until the Board, the Chair, or the Executive Officer directs otherwise. Once lifted, the prohibition on ex parte communications may be reinstated for 14 days before the day of the

Board meeting to which the decision is continued. The Board will provide notice if the prohibition is lifted and/or reinstated.

V. Nature of Hearing

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

VI. Parties to the Hearing

Any person requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

VII. Hearing Procedure

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than May 24, 2014, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting in **June 12, 2014**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

VIII. Los Angeles Water Board Staff Contact

For additional information, please contact Namiraj Jain by phone at (213) 620-6003 or by email at njain@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Augustine Anijielo, Chief
General NPDES Permit Unit

Enclosures:

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cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources, Region 5
Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Flood Control and Drainage
Los Angeles Department of Environmental Program
County of Ventura, Environmental Health Division
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