

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 20-003
File No. 08-070
CI No. 9456**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)
AND WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS (WRRs)**

DISCHARGER	RECYCLING LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
City of Oxnard	Oxnard, CA	Santa Clara River Valley (Oxnard)

The city of Oxnard (hereinafter Project Sponsor) owns and operates the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant (OWTP), a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) located at 6001 South Perkins Road, Oxnard, California, with a design capacity of 31.7 million gallons per day (mgd). The Project Sponsor diverts up to 8 mgd of the secondary-treated wastewater from the OWTP to the Project Sponsor's Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF), located adjacent to the OWTP at 5700 South Perkins Road, Oxnard, California. The AWPF produces up to approximately 6.25 mgd of recycled water that is currently being used for nonpotable uses such as agricultural and landscape irrigation, and industrial uses. The Project Sponsor plans to continue serving these nonpotable recycled water customers while also operating an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project. The AWPF also produces approximately 1.75 mgd of brine waste that comingles with the remaining secondary-treated wastewater from the OWTP. This combined waste stream is conveyed to the ocean for disposal under NPDES Order No. CA0054097. The use and distribution of recycled water produced at the AWPF is currently regulated under Order No. R4-2008-0083.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs/WRRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **April 09, 2020**
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: City of Agoura Hills
30001 Ladyface Court
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and WRRs. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

SCOPE OF HEARING

The only matter before the Board is the renewal of WDRs and WRRs for the city of Oxnard's Advanced Water Purification Facility.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative amendment to waste discharge requirements and water reclamation requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Steven Webb at the above address, or send them electronically to Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov. To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2020**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

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.

PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

City of Oxnard

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff no later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

Regional Water Board staff is not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Regional Water Board.

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 **March 26, 2020**, (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

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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 on **May 14, 2020**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Steven Webb at (213) 576-6793 or via email at Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov or Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit at (213) 576-6616 or via email at Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: February 12, 2020