
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 12, 2017

Ms. Grace Robinson Hyde
Chief Engineer and General Manager
Joint Outfall System
1955 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Ms. Hyde:

TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS (WRRs) FOR JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM, WHITTIER NARROWS WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (ORDER NO. 88-107, FILE NO 88-40 CI NO. 6844)

Reference is made to the WRRs permit adopted by this Regional Water Board for the production, distribution, and reuse of recycled water for direct, non-potable applications from the Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (Facility), located at 301 North Rosemead Boulevard, El Monte, California. The Facility currently recycles treated wastewater under WRRs Order No. 88-107, adopted by this Regional Water Board on October 24, 1988. Pursuant to California Water Code section 13523, this WRR was renewed in 1997 without change in Board Order No. 97-072, adopted on May 12, 1997.

Under this Board Order, approximately 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of the 8.2 mgd total effluent are recycled and used for landscape irrigation including, but not limited to, golf courses, street medians, parks, playgrounds, schoolyards, commercial and residential landscaping, athletic fields, ornamental plant nurseries, and vehicle washing.

On January 5, 2016, the Regional Water Board received a Notice of Intent (NOI) (i.e., application) from the Joint Outfall System (Administrator) seeking coverage under State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Water Quality Order No. WQ 2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (hereafter, General Order).

Based on the information provided in the NOI, the proposed water recycling project satisfies the general and specific conditions of the General Order. Therefore, on July 7, 2017, this Regional Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) under Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW for the reuse of recycled water specified above. The Regional Water Board hereby assigned Order No. WQ-2016-0068-RB4 (File No. 88-040, Series No. 001, CI-6844) for this discharge.

Order No. WQ-2016-0068-RB4 (CI-6844) supersedes Order No. 88-107 except for enforcement purposes, and, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the CWC (commencing with section 13500) and regulations adopted thereunder. This action in no way prevents the Regional Water Board from taking enforcement action for past violations of the previous Order.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Water Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate the requirements in Order No. 88-107 (readopted without change in Board Order No. 97-072). The hearing will be held on **September 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the **City of Simi Valley Council Chambers, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California 93030**. The Board members will hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by **5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2017**, in order to be evaluated by Regional Water Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 § 648.4.).

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160 or via email at raul.medina@waterboards.ca.gov or Cris Morris, Unit Chief of the Municipal Permitting (POTW) Unit at (213) 620-2083 or via email at cris.morris@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Cris Morris, P.E., Chief
Municipal Permitting Unit (POTW)

Enclosures

cc:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Source Water Protection (WTR-9)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Drinking Water (WTR-6)
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Southern California Area Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel
State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Division, Field Operations Branch
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights
California Department of Water Resources, Water Recycling Program