

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

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**Public Notice No. 21-013
NPDES No. CA0053091**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Donald T. Sterling Corporation Sterling Ambassador Towers	691 Irolo Street Los Angeles, California	Ballona Creek Reach 1

Donald T. Sterling Corporation (hereinafter Discharger, or Permittee), is the operator of Sterling Ambassador Towers (hereinafter Facility), an apartment building with a rooftop pool located in Los Angeles, California. The Facility discharges up to 0.015 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated groundwater seepage, irrigation runoff, pool deck wash water and splash water, and storm water runoff from the roof and stairs to Ballona Creek, a water of the United States. The discharge was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2016-0054 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0053091 adopted on February 11, 2016, and it expired on March 31, 2021. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Los Angeles Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge treated groundwater seepage, irrigation runoff, pool deck wash water and splash water, and storm water runoff from the roof and stairs to a storm drain that flows into Ballona Creek Reach 1. The terms and conditions of the current Order, as per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) part 122, have been continued and remain in effect until new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

Stormwater that flows to the loading dock and trash collection area is routed for discharge into the sanitary sewer system. There are two sumps located within the Facility. The East Sump collects stormwater from the east stair well. The West Sump collects stormwater from the west stairwell and groundwater seepage. Wastewater from both sumps is pumped into the Holding Tank, located on the ground floor of the parking garage, when they reach a certain level. Irrigation runoff, stormwater from the roofs, and pool deck wash and splash water is directed into the Holding Tank as well. The contents of the Holding Tank are pumped to the on-site treatment system that includes a single 50 micron filter, a 25 micron filter system, anion media filters to remove selenium and silicon, and another 25 micron filter. The treatment system has two bypasses. The first

bypass is upstream of the Holding Tank and discharges to the sanitary sewer. This bypass is controlled by a manual valve and is currently locked out by the Discharger. The second bypass is located after the 50 micron filter but prior to the 25 micron filter system, and routes the water past the treatment system to the flow measurement device. The second bypass may be triggered automatically if the system is clogged, and an alarm will be activated to alert maintenance personnel for immediate attention. The Discharger has obtained an industrial wastewater permit with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to discharge any wastewater from the treatment system discharged as a result of the second bypass described above to the City of Los Angeles sanitary sewer system. A p-trap is located at the east side of the building just before the effluent from the treatment unit leaves the building, and it is connected to a storm drain on Irolo Street. This storm drain is connected to a series of other storm drain lines that discharge to Ballona Creek Reach 1, which daylight near Venice Ave.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: December 9, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Remote meeting, no physical location

Please check the Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments submitted and other information received regarding the discharge are 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 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. 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. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. 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 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

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The tentative WDRs, comments received, and the response to comments when prepared will also be available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal quasi-adjudicative proceeding pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) does not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Water Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Board by mail to the address above or by email to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to adriana.vallejo@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **November 15, 2021**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Donald T. Sterling Corporation, Sterling Ambassador Towers, Facility, NPDES No. CA0053091".

Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, written comments or evidence submitted after the comment deadline will not be allowed or

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accepted into the Administrative Record without a showing of good cause for the delay, and in no event if any party or the Board would be unduly prejudiced by the late submittal including if staff or the Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond to the comments or evidence.

Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar and approved without oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will occur, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. 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 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. 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. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, this matter will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on January 13, 2022. A continuance will not extend any deadline set forth herein.

Date: October 15, 2021