

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

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**Public Notice No. 19-009
NPDES No. CA0064661**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Joint Outfall System, White Point Outfall Manifold Construction Dewatering Project	1800 Kay Fiorentino Drive, San Pedro, CA 90732	Pacific Ocean

Joint Outfall System (hereinafter, Discharger) filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on September 28, 2017, and applied to the Regional Water Board for the issuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge construction dewatering wastewater (groundwater) from the White Point Outfall Manifold at Royal Palms Beach to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States. The proposed discharge will be generated as a result of a construction project that is scheduled to commence in July 2023 at the White Point Outfall Manifold site.

The Discharger initiated the Clearwater Program to construct a new 18-foot internal diameter effluent tunnel from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) at the City of Carson to the White Point Outfall Manifold at Royal Palms Beach. The Clearwater Program is intended to provide adequate wastewater system capacity for the growing population and peak weather flows; improve system reliability; and provide support for recycled water. The Discharger anticipates the need to discharge construction dewatering wastewater at the White Point Outfall Manifold site continuously during the construction period from July 2023 through July 2026. The Discharger does not anticipate the need to provide treatment for the construction dewatering wastewater prior to discharge. The Discharger is proposing to discharge up to 1.44 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater (groundwater) resulting from construction dewatering activities at the White Point Outfall Manifold through the existing JWPCP outfalls (as included in JWPCP's existing NPDES Permit No. CA0053813), Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.6892°, Longitude -118.3167°) and Discharge Point 002 (Latitude 33.7008°, Longitude -118.3381°), into the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States.

The proposed Order will regulate the discharge of construction dewatering wastewater at the White Point Outfall Manifold location only; the Discharger will enroll under the *General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities* (NPDES No. CAS000002) for the discharge of storm water at various construction sites relating to the Project, prior to the commencement of construction activity for each phase of the Project.

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

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: May 9, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: City of Malibu
23825 Stuart Ranch Road,
Malibu, California

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on 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 Los Angeles 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.

The tentative requirements, and when they are available comments received and response to comments, will be posted on the Regional Water Board website at:

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

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing 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) will 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.

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.

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 the above address. 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 losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov no later than close of business on **April 18, 2019**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Joint Outfall System, White Point Outfall Manifold Construction Dewatering Project, CA0064661". Comments or evidence received after that date will not be accepted or included in the administrative record without express approval of the Chair during the hearing and will not be included if to do so would prejudice any party or the Board. 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 be a part of, 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 deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

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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 case will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting in June 2019. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: March 18, 2019