

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

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**Public Notice No. 17-022
NPDES No. CA0059013**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)
AND
ISSUANCE OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Lubricating Specialties Company, Pico Rivera Facility	8015 Paramount Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA 90660	Rio Hondo Reach 2

Lubricating Specialties Company (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges storm water from the Pico Rivera Facility (hereinafter, Facility) to the Rio Hondo, a water of the United States. The discharge was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2011-0176, adopted on November 10, 2011, and effective on December 10, 2011. Order No. R4-2011-0176 expired on October 10, 2016, and also served as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0059013) Program. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on April 13, 2016, and applied to the Regional Water Board for the reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge storm water from the Facility. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 2235.4, the terms and conditions of an expired permit are automatically continued pending reissuance of the permit if the Discharger complies with all federal NPDES requirements for continuation of expired permits.

The Discharger operates the Pico Rivera Facility, located at 8015 Paramount Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. The Facility blends and packages lubricating oils for passenger cars and heavy duty engines; transmission fluids; and an assortment of aftermarket specialty oils. The Facility stores base oils, additives and the majority of finished products in a tank farm consisting of 50 tanks with a total capacity of 962,000 gallons. Blending and packaging operations are performed indoors. The blended products are either packaged into containers in a drum filling area, or transferred into above ground storage tanks within the tank farm. Filled containers are transferred to a warehouse for indoor storage. Additives are stored in drums throughout the site. The entire site is covered with impervious asphalt. Storm water from the Facility drains to a storm water collection pond and is pumped through the storm water treatment system. If it is determined that additional treatment is necessary for the treated storm water to meet the NPDES permit limits, the treated storm water may be pumped back to the storm water treatment system to repeat the treatment process. The treated storm water may be reused for indoor industrial processes and/or discharged into the sanitary sewer under the Industrial Waste Permit No. 008927 issued by Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD). When the amount of treated storm water exceeds the capacity for reuse and/or storage onsite, the

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treated storm water is discharged offsite to an unnamed drainage ditch, where it commingles with runoff from neighboring industrial sites, and flows into the Rio Hondo. The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 0.258 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated storm water only through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.9721°, Longitude -118.1165°) into the Rio Hondo, a water of the United States.

Immediate compliance with the final effluent limitations as proposed in the tentative permit for zinc and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) is not attainable based on current facility performance, as demonstrated by the Discharger's effluent monitoring data during the term of Order No. R4-2011-0176. A time schedule order (TSO) for zinc and TPH with interim effluent limits and a schedule of required tasks are proposed that will lead to the Discharger's compliance with the corresponding final effluent limitations for these pollutants by June 30, 2020.

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, special conditions, and a time schedule order.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: October 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District, Board Room
700 North Alameda Street,
Los Angeles, 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 time schedule order, 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 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 **September 14, 2017**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit and TSO, Lubricating Specialties Company, Pico Rivera Facility, CA0059013". Comments or evidence received after that date will be submitted, ex agenda, to the Board for consideration, but only included in the administrative record with express approval of the Chair during the hearing. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without oral testimony.

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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.

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 on November 2, 2017. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: August 14, 2017