

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

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**Public Notice No. 16-024
NPDES No. CA0063509**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
SFPP, L.P. SFPP Norwalk Pump Station	15306 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650	Coyote Creek

SFPP, L.P. (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges treated groundwater, condensate, and storm water from the SFPP Norwalk Pump Station (hereinafter, Facility) to the Coyote Creek, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2011-0095, which was adopted on June 2, 2011, and was scheduled to expire on May 10, 2016. Order No. R4-2011-0095 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0063509) Program. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on November 6, 2015, and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge treated groundwater, condensate, and storm water from the Facility.

The Discharger owns and operates the SFPP Norwalk Pump Station, located at 15306 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650. The Discharger formerly leased a 2-acre lot within the 50-acre property and operated a fuel pump station with transfer pipelines. All former operations have been decommissioned; currently, the Discharger has an easement at the site for the three underground transfer pipelines for petroleum fuels, and it operates a groundwater treatment system (GWTS) at the site, which lies within two bermed areas (pads). Groundwater is collected from extraction wells that extend into the western and eastern boundaries of the site and the residential area south of the site. Remediation operations conducted by the Discharger consist of soil vapor extraction (SVE), total fluid extraction (TFE) of free product, groundwater extraction (GWE) for hydraulic control, and treatment of extracted soil vapors and groundwater. Extracted groundwater, condensate from the SVE process and biosparge system air compressor, and storm water collected within the GWTS pads are routed to an oil/water separator. The top oily portion separator is recycled in an offsite facility; water coming out of the oil/water separator is first treated by bag filters, and then two liquid granular activated carbon (LGAC) units. The spent GAC is disposed offsite by a licensed contractor. Vapor from the oil/water separator, the 300 gallon transfer tank, and the free product storage tank is treated by two vapor phase granular activated carbon (VGAC) units, as permitted by the SCAQMD. Effluent from the LGAC is routed to a 3,000 gallon equalization tank and then into two fluidized bed bioreactors. The effluent from the bioreactors is further polished by LGAC units prior to discharge into Discharge Point 001. The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 0.15 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated groundwater, condensate, and storm water from the Facility

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into a storm drain that leads to Coyote Creek, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.8919°, Longitude -118.0713°).

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: September 8, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 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.

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.

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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 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 **August 15, 2016**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, SFPP, L.P., SFPP Norwalk Pump Station, CA0063509, CI-7497". 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.

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, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on October 13, 2016. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: July 15, 2016