

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 18, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Robinson Hyde:

**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)/ NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (SCVSD), SAUGUS WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0054313, CI-2960)**

We have completed our review of your application for renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code (CWC), tentative WDRs have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative Requirements consisting of:
  - a. Board Order;
  - b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
  - c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
  - d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
  - e. Generic Toxicity TRE Work Plan (Attachment G);
  - f. Pretreatment Reporting Requirements (Attachment H); and,
  - g. TMDL Related Tasks (Attachment J).
2. Public Notification consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice;
  - b. Public Notice; and,
  - c. Statement of Posting Notice,

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on **April 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California**, will consider the enclosed Tentative Requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the proposed tentative NPDES Order. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further action by staff. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_info/agenda/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml)) approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments regarding the tentative Order must be received at the Board's office by **5 p.m. on March 20, 2015**, in order to be evaluated by staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received

after that date will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Timely submittal of written comments is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

On February 11, 2015, EPA withdrew the Region 9 Quality Assurance Office's March 17, 2014 approval of a Limited Use Alternate Test Procedure. That approval authorized the use of two concentrations in lieu of the five concentrations plus a control specified in the WET test methods when using the Test of Significant Toxicity statistical approach. These Tentative Requirements may be further revised prior to the public hearing on April 9, 2015, to address the withdrawal of EPA's approval of the Alternate Test Procedure.

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than **March 20, 2015**.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than **March 31, 2015**.

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Cuevas at (213) 576-6662.

Sincerely,



Cris Morris, P.E., Chief  
Municipal Permitting Unit

Enclosures

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel, Frances McChesney  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5,  
State Coastal Conservancy  
California State Parks and Recreation  
California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region  
Heal the Bay  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Environment Now  
Ventura Coast Keeper/Wishtoyo

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT  
FOR  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
(Saugus Water Reclamation Plant)  
(NPDES Permit No. CA0054313)

One copy of a notice of public hearing and a Statement of Posting Notice form are enclosed. By March 20, 2015, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Publish the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge, or
2. Post copies of the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the Discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with a copy of the notice as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Board by **March 31, 2015**.



Cris Morris, P.E., Chief  
Municipal Permitting Unit

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

**320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
(213) 576-6600**

**Public Notice No. 015-008  
NPDES No. CA0054313**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (Saugus Water Reclamation Plant)	26200 Springbrook Avenue Santa Clarita, California	Santa Clara River

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD or Discharger) owns and operates a publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) comprised of the Saugus Water Reclamation Plant (Saugus WRP or Facility) and its associated wastewater collection system and outfalls.

The Facility discharges wastewater to the Santa Clara River, a water of the United States. The Discharger is currently regulated by Order No. R4-2009-0075, which serves as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0054313 adopted on June 4, 2009 and expired on May 10, 2014. Regional Water Board staff prepared a tentative renewal of Order No. R4-2009-0075 for the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for the Saugus Water Reclamation Plant.

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION**

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

**Date: April 9, 2015**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California**

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.



### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

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 or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. 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 five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Veronica Cuevas at the above address, or send them electronically to [veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov). To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2015**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

- Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County/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.

### HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, 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 five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than **March 26, 2015**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, 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. 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 in **May 14, 2015**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Veronica Cuevas at (213) 576-6662 or via email at [veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:veronica.cuevas@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](mailto:cris.morris@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: February 18, 2015



STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE  
NPDES NO: CA0054313

REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE BY Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles  
County – Saugus Water Reclamation Plant

\_\_\_\_\_, says:  
(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING  
ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

who filed the Report of Waste Discharge with the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL BOARD, \_\_\_\_\_ Region,

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015,  
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

posted two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

\_\_\_\_\_ and the other copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be  
affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO  
POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_