

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

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**Public Notice No. 20-002
NPDES No. CA0060232**

**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>
Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC Tesoro Carson Crude Terminal	24696 South Wilmington, Avenue, Carson, CA 90745- 6126	Dominguez Channel Estuary

Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC (Discharger or Tesoro) is the owner and operator of the Tesoro Carson Crude Terminal (Facility), a tank farm for storage of bulk crude oil and pipeline transportation. The Facility is located at 24696 South Wilmington Avenue in Carson California. Crude oil is transferred to the Facility via pipeline from Tesoro Marine Terminals (T2 and Berth 121). Crude oil is transferred from the Facility via pipeline to the Tesoro Carson Refinery, which is located on an adjacent property to the north of the Facility. The Facility consists of five above ground storage tanks (ASTs), a fuel booster pump station, three oil wells, and a hazardous waste storage area. The ASTs are surrounded by containment dikes. The Facility has two storm water retention ponds; the on-site holding pond or inner pond located within the confines of the Facility, and the off-site holding pond or outer pond located adjacent to the Facility along the northwestern side. The inner pond is made of impervious concrete and the capacity is 1.638-million gallons. The outer pond is unlined and consists of a combination of pervious rock and a compacted earthen bottom. The estimated capacity of the outer pond is 29 to 32 million gallons, depending on the amount of silt that has accumulated on the bottom of the pond over the years. Storm water from the site is collected and conveyed to the inner pond for sedimentation and only discharged when the volume of water in the pond necessitates a discharge. The Facility discharges up to 0.500 million gallons per day (MGD) storm water through Discharge Point 001 to the Dominguez Channel Estuary, a water of the United States. The storm water discharge was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2014-0189, (adopted on September 11, 2014), as amended by Order No. R4-2014-0189-A01, which was adopted on June 1, 2017, and it expired on October 31, 2019. Order No. R4-2014-0189 was administratively continued until the effective date of a new permit. Tesoro filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge storm water and/or

hydrostatic test water from newly constructed 6 tanks commingled with storm water from the Facility.

Tesoro plans to construct up to six 500,000 barrels (bbls) storage tanks (each tank is 500,000 bbls in capacity) at the northeastern side of the Facility. The newly constructed tanks will each require hydrostatic testing before putting them into service. Tesoro plans to use a combination of city-supplied water and impounded storm water from the outer pond as a source of water for the hydrotest, and to build at least two tanks at a time, hydrotest one tank, and then transfer the hydrotest water to the second tank for its hydrotesting, prior to discharging that water back to the outer pond. If the outer pond approaches capacity, the commingled stormwater and hydrotest water will be discharged through Discharge Point 001 to the Dominguez Channel Estuary. The proposed Order authorizes the Facility to discharge up to 0.500 MGD of storm water runoff, and/or hydrostatic test water from the newly constructed six tanks commingled with stormwater from either the inner or outer holding pond to Discharge Point 001.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: October 8, 2020
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 rosario.aston@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **September 11 2020**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC, Tesoro Carson Crude Terminal, CA0060232".

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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 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 November 12, 2020. A continuance will not extend any deadline set forth herein.

Date: August 11, 2020