

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

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**Public Notice No. 15-004
NPDES No. CA0059561**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC East Hynes Tank Farm	5905 Paramount Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90805	Los Angeles River Reach 2

Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges storm water runoff from the East Hynes Tank Farm (hereinafter, Facility) to the Los Angeles River Reach 2, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2009-0102, which was adopted by this Regional Water Board on October 1, 2009. Order No. R4-2009-0102 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0059561) Program. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), and applied to the Regional Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge storm water runoff from the Facility.

The Discharger operates the East Hynes Tank Farm, located at 5905 Paramount Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90805. Operations in the Facility consist of crude oil and refined products storage; hydrocarbons transport and distribution by pipeline; and bulk loading and unloading truck rack operations. Twenty-seven above ground storage tanks (ASTs) are in operation to store crude oil and petroleum products, including ethanol, gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel. Ethanol and crude oil are received by tanker truck at a two-lane unloading rack; petroleum products are loaded into tanker trucks at a six-lane loading rack. Spills within the truck loading rack are routed to a storage tank and transferred to a Tesoro Refinery for water treatment; storm water runoff around the truck loading rack is routed to a bermed containment structure with an earthen bottom and asphalt coated earthen sides. The majority of the Facility's ground surface is earthen, so that storm water contained in those areas is expected to evaporate or percolate into the soil. Excess storm water collected from the tank farm area, hazardous waste area, and product transfer equipment area at the southwest portion of the Facility is routed to three gunite/concrete-lined retention basins, with a combined capacity of 981,000 gallons. In most cases, storm water collected is allowed to evaporate within the retention basins. In the event that the retention basins reach full capacity, storm water will be routed to an undeveloped area east of the tank farm and west of Paramount Boulevard, which is an earthen field generally covered with crushed rock. Storm Water spread to this area is expected to evaporate or percolate into the soil. When necessary, the Facility discharges storm water from these retention basins to the sanitary sewer under the terms of an industrial wastewater discharge permit from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Permits No. 21303).

The Discharger has historically had the option to send storm water from the retention basins to the Los Angeles County storm drain through Discharge Point 001 into the Los Angeles River.

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The Facility's outfall connection to Discharger Point 001 has been disconnected and routed solely to the sanitary sewer. The connection is expected to be reestablished within 2015. The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 760,000 gallons per day (gpd) of storm water runoff from the East Hynes Tank Farm into Los Angeles River Reach 2, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.8682°, Longitude -118.1641°).

On the basis of a 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: April 9, 2015
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.

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 February 26, 2015. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC, East Hynes Tank Farm, CA0059561, CI-6710". 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.

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.

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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 May 14, 2015. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: January 23, 2015