

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
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Public Notice Number 21-010**

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Joint Outfall System - Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant	301 North Rosemead Boulevard, El Monte, California	San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo

The Joint Outfall System (JOS), formerly referred to as Los Angeles County Sanitation District is currently discharging tertiary-treated effluent, from its Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant (Whittier Narrows WRP) to San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo, waters of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2014-0213, adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), on November 06, 2014. This Order was amended on July 09, 2015 by Order No. R4-2014-0213-A01. Order No. R4-2014-0213-A01 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0053716). The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and applied for reissuance of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit on June 25, 2019. The application was deemed complete on July 29, 2019. The terms and conditions of the current NPDES order have been automatically continued and remain in effect until new WDRs and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

JOS owns and operates the Whittier Narrows WRP, a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), located at 301 North Rosemead Boulevard, El Monte, California, with a design capacity of 15.0 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment system consists of primary sedimentation, activated sludge biological treatment with nitrification and de-nitrification (NDN) for nitrogen removal, secondary sedimentation, inert media filtration, and ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. The Whittier Narrows WRP and six other POTWs are part of an integrated network of facilities, known as the JOS. The JOS, which consists of approximately 1,200 miles of interceptors and trunk sewers, serves an urban area of 654 square miles, including all or parts of 73 cities in addition to multiple communities and unincorporated areas, within Los Angeles County. Sewage solids, separated from the Whittier Narrows WRP's wastewater are returned to the JOS trunk sewer for conveyance to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) for treatment and disposal, under a separate NPDES Order.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Los Angeles Water Board tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Los Angeles 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: **June 10, 2021**
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Virtual remote meeting

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our [Web address](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/) 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 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

The tentative requirements are available on the [Los Angeles Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/permits) at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/permits>. Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles 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:

Joint Outfall System

-Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than twenty 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 the [Los Angeles Water Board staff](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) at losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy submitted to [Dr. Xiaofei Cui](mailto:Xiaofei.Cui@Waterboards.ca.gov) at Xiaofei.Cui@Waterboards.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on **May 17, 2021**. Comments or evidence received after that date may be submitted, to the Board for consideration, but only included in administrative record with express approval of the Chair. 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 presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to three 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 fifteen 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 **July 8, 2021**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: April 16, 2021