

# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **Los Angeles Region**





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RESOLUTION R10-002 – REGIONAL BOARD APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SPECIAL STUDIES FOR HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0109991, CI-1492) AND TERMINAL ISLAND WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0053856, CI-2171)

Dear Dr. Dojiri:

Reference is made to the revised tentative Resolution for Regional Board approval of proposed special studies transmitted on April 22, 2010.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board at a public hearing held on May 6, 2010, reviewed the revised tentative Resolution, considered all comments received, and adopted Resolution R10-002, which approves your Special Studies.

The final Resolution will be sent only to the Permittee. However, these documents are available on the Regional Board's website at <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/</a>. Electronic versions will also be sent to the interested parties list.

For these Special Studies you are required to provide quarterly progress reports to the Regional Board beginning with the Second Quarter of 2010 by the following due dates:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
Second Quarter	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
(April – June)	August 15
Third Quarter	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
(July – September)	November 15
Fourth Quarter	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
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First Quarter	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
(January – March)	Iviay 15

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Please send progress reports to the attention of Rebecca Christmann, Lead of the Municipal Permitting Unit. Should you have any questions, she can be reached at (213) 576-6756.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Egoscue Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: See Mailing List

#### INTERESTED PARTIES MAILING LIST

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5) U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

NOAA, National Maritime Fisheries Service

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services

State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel – Jennifer Fordyce

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality - Phil Isorena

California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5

California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources Region

California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch

California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Branch – Gary Yamamoto

California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services

Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Wastewater System Engineering Division

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Industrial Waste Management

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division

City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

City of Los Angeles, Office of Chief Legislative Analyst, - Rafael Prieto

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Santa Monica BayKeeper

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Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

Surfrider Foundation

# State of California California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

### **RESOLUTION NO. R10-002**

Approving the City of Los Angeles' Proposed Special Studies for Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

- On April 7, 2005, the Regional Board adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the City of Los Angeles (City) Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant.
- 2. Both NPDES permits contain a requirement for the City of Los Angeles to consult annually with the Regional Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to determine the need for Special Studies. Detailed scopes of work for proposals shall be presented to obtain Regional Board and USEPA approval and to inform the public. Special Studies are intended to focus on refined questions regarding specific effects or development of monitoring techniques. Questions regarding effluent or receiving water quality, discharge impacts, ocean processes in the area of the discharge, or development of techniques for monitoring the same, arising out of the results of core or regional monitoring, may be pursued through these Special Studies.
- 3. On December 23, 2009, representatives from the City met with Regional Board staff to discuss two proposed Special Studies for 2010: 1) Characterization of the Environmental Endocrine Disruption Effects on Male Estrogen Levels and Testicular Estrogen-producing Genes in Hornyhead Turbot from the City of Los Angeles Environmental Monitoring Division (CLAEMD) Outfall Monitoring Program Study Area (Hyperion Treatment Plant); and 2) Determination and Mitigation of the Impact of Holding Time on Dissolved Sulfide Concentrations in Industrial Waste Samples (Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant).
- 4. Regional Board staff believe that these proposed Special Studies fulfill the requirements of the NPDES permits, and will further the Regional Board's knowledge of the health of the Santa Monica Bay and of emerging issues associated with the discharges from the Treatment Plants, and recommend that they be approved by the Regional Board.

Resolution No. R010-002 Approving the City of Los Angeles' Proposed Special Studies for Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Regional Board believes that the two Special Studies proposed for 2010: 1) Characterization of the Environmental Endocrine Disruption Effects on Male Estrogen Levels and Testicular Estrogen-producing Genes in Hornyhead Turbot from the CLAEMD Outfall Monitoring Program Study Area (Hyperion Treatment Plant); and 2) Determination and Mitigation of the Impact of Holding Time on Dissolved Sulfide Concentrations in Industrial Waste Samples (Hyperion Treatment Plant and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant), merit approval.
- 2. The Regional Board hereby approves the City of Los Angeles' proposals for the two Special Studies.

I, Tracy J. Egoscue, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on May 6, 2010.

Tracy J. Egoscue
Executive Officer