

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

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**Public Notice No. 20-021  
File No. 20-090  
CI No. 10569**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs)  
AND WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS (WRRs)**

<b>DISCHARGER</b>	<b>RECYCLING LOCATION</b>	<b>RECEIVING WATER</b>
City of Santa Monica	Santa Monica, CA	Santa Monica Groundwater Basin

The City of Santa Monica (hereinafter Discharger) is developing a recycled water program to achieve long-term water self-sufficiency. When fully implemented, the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP) will allow the Discharger to reuse up to 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of a mixture of treated stormwater, brackish groundwater, dry weather runoff, and municipal wastewater within the city. The Discharger is building an Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF) at 1771 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, with a production capacity of 1 million gallons per day (mgd). The AWTF will receive up to 1.38 mgd of raw municipal wastewater (currently conveyed to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant), stormwater, and dry-weather runoff to produce up to 1 mgd advanced-treated recycled water for nonpotable and indirect potable reuse. The AWTF will only treat a portion of the municipal wastewater produced in the city and the remaining flow will continue to be conveyed to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant for treatment and disposal to the Pacific Ocean, regulated under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0109991. The AWTF advanced-treated recycled water will be mixed with treated water from the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recovery Facility (SMURRF) prior to distribution for nonpotable reuse. The AWTF is currently in the process of being built so the use and distribution for recycled water that will be produced at the AWTF is not yet regulated.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (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/WRRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **February 11, 2021**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Likely virtual meeting.

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 (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, 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 Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda 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 amendment to waste discharge requirements and water reclamation requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Steven Webb at the above address, or send them electronically to [Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov). To be evaluated and responded to by Los Angeles 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 January 13, 2021**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles 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:

City of Santa Monica

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff no later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

Los Angeles Water Board staff is not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Los Angeles Water Board.

### 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 three 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. 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 on **March 11, 2021**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Steven Webb via email at [Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov) or Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit via email at [Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: December 14, 2020