

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public Notice No. 23-003**

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

Discharger	Discharge Location	Receiving Water
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (VCWD) (Moorpark Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), File No. 64-148)	9550 Los Angeles Avenue Moorpark, CA 93021	Las Posas Valley Ground Water Basin (DWR Basin No. 4-8) South of Los Angeles Avenue between Somis Road and Hitch Boulevard

VCWD owns and operates the Moorpark WRF (Facility), located at 9550 Los Angeles Avenue, Moorpark, California. The Facility treats wastewater consisting of domestic and industrial wastewater generated from the city of Moorpark. The secondary treatment system has a 5.0 mgd design capacity and consists of gravity settling. The tertiary treatment system has a design capacity of 3.0 mgd and consists of filtration and chlorine disinfection following secondary treatment. Biosolids from the Moorpark WRF are dewatered using a belt press, stockpiled onsite, and hauled away to a licensed facility for composting.

VCWD is currently discharging undisinfected secondary-treated effluent from the Facility to thirty percolation ponds located south of Los Angeles Avenue between Somis Road and Hitch Boulevard, overlying the Las Posas Valley Ground Water Basin (DWR Basin No. 4-8), a water of the state. The discharge of undisinfected secondary-treated effluent is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 00-048, adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), on April 13, 2000. VCWD also beneficially reuses up to 1.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of disinfected tertiary recycle water for crop and landscape irrigation, under separate Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs) contained in Order No. R4-2002-0028, adopted on January 24, 2002. The discharge of tertiary-treated effluent to Arroyo Las Posas under a separate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. CA0063274, Order No. R4-2003-0151, has not occurred since April 2002.

The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and applied for reissuance of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) on January 13, 2021, to discharge secondary-

treated effluent to percolation ponds. The application was deemed complete on February 28, 2022. On August 8, 2022, VCWD staff emailed Los Angeles Water Board staff confirming that they wanted the WDRs and WRRs combined into one Order.

VCWD proposes to replace the chlorine disinfection system with ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection. A time schedule of two years and four months with interim compliance points (set at the downgradient groundwater monitoring wells No. 2 and 3) for bacteria indicators and interim effluent limitations for total trihalomethanes are included in the tentative 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/ water reclamation requirements, including effluent limitations, pretreatment requirements, a time schedule with interim limitations and compliance points, and special conditions. Accordingly, the Los Angeles Water Board tentatively proposes to terminate the individual Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs), Order No. R4-2002-0028, because all WRRs permit requirements are incorporated into the proposed WDRs/WRRs.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Los Angeles Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs and WRRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: April 27, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: To be determined

A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or to view the Board meeting.

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and WRRs permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address 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, other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information on file 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:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

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Los Angeles, CA 90013

The tentative requirements are available on the Los Angeles Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml.

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 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 an 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:

- Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1
- Moorpark Water Reclamation Facility

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements and water reclamation requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Veronica Cuevas at Veronica.Cuevas@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 March 31, 2023**. 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.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, at which this hearing will occur, 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 five 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. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than **April 13, 2023**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. 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 **May 25, 2023**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: March 1, 2023