

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

To: Interested Parties

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Subject: **Notice of Public Hearing for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for the Descanso Gardens, Nature Discovery Garden and Lake Improvements Project, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles County (File No. 24-134)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) will hold a public hearing on November 19, 2026 to consider Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for the Descanso Gardens, Nature Discovery Garden and Lake Improvements Project, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles County (File No. 24-134). The Los Angeles Water Board is scheduled to consider this matter at its regularly scheduled board meeting on:

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.

The public meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location. Please refer to the Los Angeles Water Board website for the agenda for the meeting which will include the information on registering for and attending the meeting. The agenda will be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.html
approximately one week prior to the meeting.

The Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements are available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/401_water_quality_certification/

Project Description

Descanso Gardens is an approximate 149-acre public botanical garden located in the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The Project is needed to address algal bloom issues and replace deteriorating pond liners in existing lakes on the property. The Project will expand lakes in the northwestern corner of the Descanso Gardens property, replace the deteriorating pond liner, install aeration infrastructure, and create treatment wetland areas along the lake margins that will improve aeration and filtration and reduce the potential for algal blooms.

Submittal of Comments

The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to these discharges and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board at its discretion may order further investigation.

Written comments or exhibits regarding this Order must be received at the Los Angeles Water Board office by **5:00 pm on October 10, 2026**. Failure to comply with this requirement provides grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comments or exhibit the evidence (title 23 CCR Section 648.2). If materials are not submitted in a timely manner, the Los Angeles Water Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why they were unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of written testimony or exhibits not timely submitted, the Los Angeles Water Board may refuse to admit it.

Send comments by email to: RB4-401Certification@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – WDRs for the Descanso Gardens, Nature Discovery Garden and Lake Improvements Project." Written comments submitted through email are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word format. Written comments sent by mail should be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
ATTN: 401 Certification
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Oral comments will be accepted at the hearing. Any person may present relevant statements or arguments. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Libby Lee by phone at 213-576-6705 or by email at Libby.Lee@waterboards.ca.gov. When corresponding via email, please include our general email at RB4-401Certification@waterboards.ca.gov.