

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 20, 2018

Mr. Patrick Sheilds,  
General Manager  
West Basin Municipal Water District  
Edward C Little Water Recycling Facility  
17140 S. Avalon Boulevard, Suite 210  
Carson, CA 90746

### **TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, EDWARD C. LITTLE WATER RECYCLING FACILITY (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0063401, CI-7449)**

Dear Mr. Sheilds,

We have completed our review of your application for renewal of the WDRs and NPDES permit.

Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, tentative waste discharge requirements have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative Requirements consisting of:
  - a. Board Order;
  - b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
  - c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
  - d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
  - e. Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan (Attachment G);
  - f. Biosolids and Sludge Managements (Attachment H), and,
  - g. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements (Attachment I)
2. Public Notification consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice;
  - b. Notice of Public Hearing; and,
  - c. Statement of Posting Notice.

These documents are also available on the Regional Water Board's website for review at this web address: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/).

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will conduct a public hearing to consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof, during the regularly scheduled Regional Water Board meeting to be held on **April 12, 2018**, at the **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles**,

**California, at 9:00 a.m.** The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the tentative requirements.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the tentative requirements during the public comment period, either in person, by mail, or at the public hearing. Although the public comment period will remain open until the close of business on **April 19, 2018**, persons commenting on the tentative permit are strongly encouraged to submit written comments prior to the April 12, 2018 public hearing or present testimony regarding this tentative Order during the first public hearing to facilitate consideration of the comments by the USEPA and Regional Water Board. In order to assure the accuracy of the record, all oral comments made at the public hearing must also be submitted in writing. All timely comments received shall be considered in making the final permit decision.

The Regional Water Board will not be adopting the NPDES permit during their April 12, 2018, meeting, but will formally act on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting. Upon issuance of the final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and the Regional Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision.

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than March 30, 2018.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than March 30, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6665 or the undersigned at (213) 620-2083.

Sincerely,



Cris Morris, P.E., Chief  
Watershed Regulatory Section

Attachments

cc:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
State Water Resource Control Board Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resource Control Board Division of Water Rights  
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service – Dan Lawson  
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel  
State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Field Operations – Southern California –  
Shu-Fang Orr

Cc: Continued

California Department of Water Resources, Water Recycling Program – Nancy King  
State Coastal Conservancy  
City of Los Angeles - Enrique Zaldivar, Hassan Rad  
Los Angeles County, DPW, Watershed Division  
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works  
Heal the Bay  
Environment Now  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
Friends of the Los Angeles River  
Sierra Club

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

**320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
(213) 576-6600**

**Public Notice No. 18-009  
NPDES No. CA0063401**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT)**

<b>PROJECT SPONSORS</b>	<b>DISCHARGE LOCATION</b>	<b>RECEIVING WATER</b>
West Basin Municipal Water District (EC Little Water Recycling Facility)	1935 Hughes Way, El Segundo, California	Pacific Ocean

The West Basin Municipal Water District (hereinafter West Basin or Discharger), discharges stormwater and brine wastewater from its Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility (LWRF) to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States. West Basin owns, and Suez, Inc. operates the LWRF, an advanced water treatment facility that produces recycled water from secondary effluent wastewater. The LWRF is located at 1935 Hughes Way, El Segundo, California, and has a design capacity to discharge 5.2 MGD of brine wastewater effluent. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order R4-2012-0026, adopted by this Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on February 2, 2012, and by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on February 8, 2012. Order No. R4-2012-0026 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0063401). The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit to discharge brine wastewater.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION**

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during the Regional Water Board's regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **April 12, 2018**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and 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.

### SCOPE OF HEARING

The only matter before the Board is the adoption of a new WDRs and permit under the NPDES to incorporate applicable water quality objectives associated with discharges to the waters of the United States.

### 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 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 Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, 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

Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period, either in person or by mail at the above address, to the attention of Elizabeth Erickson at the Regional Water Board; electronically to [Elizabeth.Erickson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Erickson@waterboards.ca.gov) and [Mitschele.Becky@epa.gov](mailto:Mitschele.Becky@epa.gov), or at the public hearing. The public comment period ends **April 19, 2018**. To assure the accuracy of the record, all oral comments made at the April 12, 2018 public hearing must also be submitted in writing. Reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements. All timely comments received shall be considered in making the final permit decision.

### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional 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:  
West Basin Municipal Water District

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.

Regional Water Board and USEPA staff are not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Regional 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 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 **March 29, 2018**, (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.

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.

The Regional Water Board will not be adopting the NPDES permit during their April 12, 2018, meeting and will formally act on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting on June 13, 2018. Since the public comment period ends **April 19, 2018**, oral testimony pertinent to the Discharge, tentative WDRS, and NPDES Order/permit will not be heard at the June 13, 2018 public hearing, except as it references comments made before April 19, 2018. Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Regional Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, it will become effective at least 33 days following the date it is mailed to the permittee, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing, except as provided for by 40 CFR 124.19.

### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6665 or via email at [Elizabeth.Erickson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Erickson@waterboards.ca.gov) or Becky Mitschele at (415) 972-3492 or email at [Mitschele.Becky@EPA.gov](mailto:Mitschele.Becky@EPA.gov).

Date: March 20, 2018

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT  
FOR  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

West Basin Municipal Water District  
(Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility)  
(CI-7449, CA0063401)

One copy of a notice of public hearing and a Statement of Posting Notice form are enclosed. By **March 30, 2018**, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Publish the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge, or
2. Post copies of the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the Discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with a copy of the notice as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Board by **March 30, 2018**.

Failure to post or publish the public notice by the specified date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the posting or publication of a second notice.



Cris Morris, P.E. Chief  
Watershed Regulatory Section



STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE  
NPDES NO. CA0063401

REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE BY West Basin Municipal Water District – Edward C. Little  
Water Recycling Facility

\_\_\_\_\_ says:

(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING  
ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

who filed the Report of Waste Discharge with the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY  
CONTROL BOARD, \_\_\_\_\_ Region,

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018,  
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

posted two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

and the other copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be  
affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO  
POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_