

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION
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Public Notice No. 21-015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT**

Discharger	Discharge Location	Receiving Water
Joint Outfall System (Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant) (CA0054119)	7400 East Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815	Coyote Creek

The Joint Outfall System (JOS, Discharger)) is currently discharging tertiary treated effluent from its Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant (Long Beach WRP) to Coyote Creek, waters of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2015-0123, adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), on June 11, 2015. Order Number R4-2015-0123 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES Number. CA0054119). The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and applied for reissuance of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit on January 30, 2020, to discharge tertiary-treated effluent. The application was deemed complete on July 28, 2020. The terms and conditions of the current NPDES order have been automatically continued and remain in effect until new WDRs and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

The Discharger owns and operates the Long Beach WRP, a publicly owned treatment works, located at 7400 East Willow Street, Long Beach, California, with a design capacity of 25 million gallons per day (mgd). The Facility treats wastewater consisting of domestic and industrial wastewater. The wastewater is generated at Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, and Signal Hill. Treatment at the Facility consists of primary sedimentation, activated sludge biological treatment with nitrification and denitrification (NDN), coagulation, secondary sedimentation, inert media filtration, chloramination (reactions between sodium hypochlorite and ammonia) for disinfection, and dechlorination. Tertiary-treated effluent is discharged from the LB WRP to Coyote Creek at the discharge point 001 (Latitude 33.79854° N, Longitude 118.08779° W)

Sewage solids separated from the wastewater are returned to the trunk sewer for conveyance to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant for treatment and disposal, under Order No. R4-2017-0180 (NPDES No. CA0053813).

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 and NPDES permit during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: February 10, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: TBD

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 NPDES 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
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

The tentative requirements are available on the Los Angeles Water Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/permits>. 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 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 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 a formal 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:

Joint Outfall System
-Long Beach Water Reclamation Plant

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 NPDES permit, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Don Tsai at Don.Tsai@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 10, 2022**. 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, 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 **January 27, 2022**, (two weeks

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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 **March 10, 2022**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: December 10, 2021