

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

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**Public Notice No. 20-013
NPDES No. CA0001198**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Ormond Beach Power, LLC Ormond Beach Generating Station	6635 South Edison Drive Oxnard, CA 93033	Pacific Ocean

Ormond Beach Power, LLC, formerly GenOn California South, LP (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Ormond Beach Generating Station (hereinafter Facility), a steam-electric generating facility (SIC Code 4911). The name changed from GenOn California South, LP to Ormond Beach Power, LLC became effective on June 8, 2020. The Facility discharges once-through cooling water, low volume industrial process wastewater, and storm water to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States. The discharge was previously regulated by waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2015-0172 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0001198, adopted by this Regional Water Board on September 10, 2015, and expired on October 31, 2020. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and applied for reissuance of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit on April 17, 2020. Supplemental information was received on May 20, 2020. The application was deemed complete on June 16, 2020. The terms and conditions of the current Order, as per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) part 122, have been continued and remain in effect until new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.

The Discharger owns and operates the Ormond Beach Generating Station, located at 6635 South Edison Drive, Oxnard, CA 93033. The Facility has a combined generating capacity of approximately 1,520 megawatt (MW), with two natural gas-fueled, steam electric generating units rated at 745 MW and 775 MW. Both units use once-through cooling water. Low volume wastes (including auxiliary boiler blowdown, boiler condensate overboard, reverse osmosis reject water, demineralizer regenerant wastes, equipment wash water collected in floor drains, and seal water) are generated as internal wastes streams in the Facility. City portable water is commingled with reclaimed storm water or reverse osmosis reject water and used as the seal water to cool the once-through cooling water intake pumps. The wastewater treatment units at the Facility consist of an oil/water

separator and two retention basins (the north and south basins). Storm water and some internal low volume wastes are treated by the oil/water separator and are conveyed to either the north or south retention basin. Flow of storm water and all low volume wastes except seal water are intermittent. All internal waste streams are routed to combine with the once-through cooling water stream prior to discharge through Discharge Point 001. The Facility discharges up to 688.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of once-through cooling water, low volume industrial process wastewater, and storm water to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 34.1285°, Longitude -119.1697°).

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: November 12, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Remote meeting, no physical location

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, related documents, tentative requirements, comments submitted and other information received regarding the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
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. 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.

The tentative WDRs, comments received, and the response to comments when prepared will also be available on the Regional Water Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

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NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal quasi-adjudicative proceeding 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) does 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 Regional 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:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not 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 upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Board by mail to the address above or by email to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to rosario.aston@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **October 19, 2020**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Ormond Beach Power, LLC, Ormond Beach Generating Station CA0001198".

Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, written comments or evidence submitted after the comment deadline will not be allowed or accepted into the Administrative Record without a showing of good cause for the delay, and in no event if any party or the Board would be unduly prejudiced by the late submittal including if staff or the Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond to the comments or evidence.

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Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar and approved without oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will occur, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. 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 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. 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. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, this matter will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on December 10, 2020. A continuance will not extend any deadline set forth herein.

Date: September 18, 2020