

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD{PRIVATE }
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 19-011
NPDES No. CA0055387**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Torrance Refining Company, LLC Torrance Refinery	3700 West 190th Street Torrance, CA 9050	Torrance Lateral to Dominguez Channel Estuary

Torrance Refining Company, LLC (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges storm water from the Facility and the City of Torrance commingled with small amounts of steam condensate and process area washwater from the Torrance Refinery (hereinafter, Facility or Refinery) to the Torrance Lateral, a tributary to the Dominguez Channel Estuary, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2013-0138, adopted by this Regional Board on September 12, 2013. Order No. R4-2013-0138 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0055387) Program. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge (ROWD) and submitted an application for renewal of its waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and the NPDES permit on April 12, 2018. Supplemental information was requested on May 11, 2018, and received on May 21, 2018. The application was deemed complete on May 21, 2018.

Torrance Refining Company, LLC, is the owner and operator of the Torrance Refinery located at 3700 West 190th Street, Torrance, California. The Discharger owns and operates the petroleum refining facility, which processes crude petroleum. The Refinery processes approximately 150,000 barrels per day of crude oil to produce gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, sulfur, coke, and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The refinery processes include crude cracking, flashing, coking, hydrotreating, alkylation, reforming, and sulfur recovery.

The discharge is primarily composed of storm water collected at the site, which consists of 734 acres of drainage area (110 acres of impervious surface) as well as storm water from the Pioneer Watershed, a neighborhood south of the facility within the City of Torrance. Runoff from the Pioneer Watershed can comprise up to 25 percent of the storm water flow within the Discharger's system. Other sources that may commingle with the discharge include small amounts of steam condensate and process area washwaters (mainly hosing down for dust control) that may be present in sumps when storm water is generated, collected, and stored.

The storm water commingled with small amounts of steam condensate and process area washwater is stored and treated through a series of retention ponds, then routed to O'Brien Lake. Under most conditions, this waste stream is discharged from O'Brien Lake to the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) through the Van Ness Outfall under Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD) Permit No. 516, which allows for the discharge of up to 10,000 gallons per

minute (gpm) during dry weather and for discharge of up to 5,000 gpm during a storm event and for 24 hours after the storm event. Discharges through the Van Ness Outfall are regulated separately under the LACSD Permit No. 516 and are not included in this Order. The Discharger's primary objective is to provide storage during wet weather and maximize discharge through the Van Ness Outfall, thereby providing treatment for the "first flush" of a storm event. During extreme storm events when the capacity to store and discharge to the Van Ness Outfall is exceeded, the Facility discharges to the Torrance Lateral via O'Brien Lake.

The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 10 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated storm water commingled with steam condensate and process area wash water from the Facility via Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.8498°, Longitude -118.3179°) into the Torrance Lateral, a concrete channel that flows to the Dominguez Channel Estuary at a location just north of Avalon Boulevard. Since 2003, the Facility has discharged three times to the Torrance Lateral, with the most recent discharge event occurring in February of 2005. No discharges have occurred since 2005.

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

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: June 13, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: City of Camarillo
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, California

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on 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
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Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional 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 five 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 Regional 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 on the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. Written comments and/or evidence must be submitted to the Regional Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2019** at losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Mazhar Ali at mazhar.ali@waterboards.ca.gov. Pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, untimely submittal of written comments or evidence 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 Los Angeles Water Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond to the comments or evidence. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without an oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, 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 three (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 deliberate in open or close session, and 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 fifteen 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, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on July 11, 2019. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: April 11, 2019