



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 26, 2022

Mr. Gerald Snow
Environmental Assessment Branch Chief
California Department of Water Resources
William E. Warne Power Plant
Highway 99 at Pyramid Lake (west of Interstate 5 at the Smokey Bear off-ramp)
Castaic, CA 91310

Dear Mr. Snow:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND CHANGE OF VENUE FOR BOARD PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRS) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, WILLIAM E. WARNE POWER PLANT, CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0059188, CI NO. 6610)

On April 15, 2022, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) transmitted the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for California Department of Water Resources, William E. Warne Power Plant (Facility). The Los Angeles Water Board considered comments submitted on May 16, 2022, by the Discharger. Enclosed is our Response to Comments.

The Los Angeles Water Board will consider the Tentative Permit at a public hearing to be held on **June 9**, **2022**, **at 9:00 A.M**. The hearing has been rescheduled at the following address:

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room Ventura County Government Center 800 S. Victoria Avenue #1920 Ventura, CA 93009

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website

(http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml) at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting is a hybrid meeting. A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join via online. Please follow the direction provided in the agenda to register to speak or to view the Board meeting.

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At the hearing, the Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the Tentative Permit. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone action to a subsequent Board meeting.

If you have any further questions, please contact Adriana Vallejo at adriana.vallejo@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc (via email only):

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