

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION  
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**Public Notice No. 21-004**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

<b>Discharger</b>	<b>Discharge Location</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>
City of Los Angeles (Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant) (CA0053856)	445 Ferry Street San Pedro, CA 90713-7493	Los Angeles Outer Harbor

The City of Los Angeles, (hereinafter Discharger) is currently discharging pursuant to Order Nos. R4-2015-01119 and R4-2015-0119-A01 under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0053856.

The Discharger owns and operates a publicly owned treatment works comprised of Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant (Facility) and its associated wastewater collection system and outfall. The Facility is located at 445 Ferry Street, San Pedro, California. Treatment at the Facility consists of wastewater processing, advanced wastewater treatment processing, and biosolids processing.

The Facility's permitted flow is 30 million gallons per day (mgd). The Facility treats wastewater consisting of domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater. The wastewater is generated at San Pedro, Wilmington, Terminal Island, and Harbor City areas.

The discharge of treated municipal wastewater to the Los Angeles Outer Harbor is prohibited as of December 31, 2024 with the exception of brine waste and the occasional discharge of tertiary-treated effluent. The discharge of brine waste via the current Outfall continues to be authorized by this permit. The Discharger plans to cease the continuous discharge of tertiary-treated effluent from the Facility and will instead provide the treated effluent to end users for water recycling. The Discharger is working with end users to reuse all treated effluent generated at the Facility. Initially, the Discharger intended to cease the continuous discharge by 2020, but there have been delays in obtaining recycled water customer agreements with the end users, delays in the end users' on-site improvements to use recycled water in their facilities, and delays in completing the Discharger's recycled water distribution network of pipeline and pump station constructions.

The Discharger is required to submit a discharge phase out workplan to the Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) for approval no later than three (3) months from the effective date of this Order. The discharge phase out workplan shall describe plans for water recycling and volume of recycled water for each end user, and a detailed schedule to cease the discharge of the tertiary-treated effluent from the Facility to the Los Angeles Outer Harbor by December 31, 2024.

Currently, there are two recycled water permits, Order No. R4-2003-0025 for nonpotable applications and Order No. R4-2016-0334 for the Dominguez Gab Barrier injection project, to permit the use of the treated effluent generated at the Facility as recycled water.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the 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: May 13, 2021  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Remote meeting

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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles 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**

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](mailto: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 April 16, 2021**. 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.

### **NATURE OF HEARING**

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Los Angeles 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:

City of Los Angeles

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.

Los Angeles Water Board staff is not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Los Angeles 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 **April 29, 2021**, (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. 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 **June 10, 2021**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

### **STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact Don Tsai at [Don.Tsai@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Don.Tsai@waterboards.ca.gov) or Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit at [Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jeong-Hee.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: March 17, 2021