CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90013 (213) 576-6600 Public Notice No. 21-014 NPDES No. CA0001201

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)

<u>DISCHARGER</u> <u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u> <u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
AES Redondo Beach, LLC 1100 Harbor Drive Pacific Ocean/King

Redondo Beach, CA 90277 Harbor

Generating Station

Redondo Beach Generating Station (Facility) is a generating station that operates during peak demand. There are three active fossil-fueled, steam-powered electric generating units on site. The generating units operate using once-through cooling (OTC) water drawn from two submerged intakes in King Harbor and one submerged intake in Santa Monica Bay using circulation pumps.

The Facility discharges OTC water, low volume wastewater and stormwater to the Pacific Ocean through Discharge Point 001, located off the northwest corner of the King Harbor breakwater. The Facility also discharges OTC water and stormwater to King through Discharge Point 002, located in the southeast corner of the harbor. OTC water accounts for greater than 99 percent of the total discharge from the Facility. The volume of wastewater discharged is limited to a maximum discharge volume of 215 million gallons per day (MGD) from Discharge Point 001 and 674 MGD from Discharge Point 002. The volumes represent the maximum capacities of the cooling water systems combined with the maximum flows of all contributing in-plant waste streams, groundwater seepage and stormwater.

The discharge from the Facility is regulated under Order R4-2016-0222, as modified on December 10, 2021. The Los Angeles Water Board proposes to issue a TSO to achieve compliance with the modified Order.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: December 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Virtual only; no physical location. Details available on website at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board info/agenda/

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.

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The tentative TSO, 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 Los Angeles 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. Should any interested persons desire staff to send any particular documents prior to the hearing, 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 TSO, comments received and the response to comments when they are received and/or issued will also be available on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal 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 Los Angeles Water Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is: Thomas Siebels
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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

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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 the tentative TSO, 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 thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2021. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative TSO, AES Redondo Beach, LLC, Redondo Beach Generating Station, CA0001201".

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.

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. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: October 20, 2021