

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT
FOR
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER**

**REQUIRING SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
(VALENCIA WATER RECLAMATION PLANT)
TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
ORDER NO. R4-2015-0071
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0054216)**

One copy of a notice of your report of waste discharge and a statement of posting form are enclosed. By March 22, 2019, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Post the enclosed notice in the post office and public places of the municipality nearest the premises in which the effluent source is located; or
2. Post copies of the enclosed public notice in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge; or
3. Publish the enclosed public notice in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with copy of the notice, as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Regional Water Board by March 29, 2019.

Failure to post or publish the public notice by the specified date may force us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the posting or publication of a second notice.



Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Chief
Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

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

**320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
(213) 576-6600**

TSO No. R4-2019-XXXX

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (Valencia Water Reclamation Plant)	28185 The Old Road Valencia, California	Reach 5 of the Santa Clara River

Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (hereinafter SCVSD or Discharger) discharges tertiary-treated wastewater from its Valencia Water Reclamation Plant (Valencia WRP) into Reach 5 of the Santa Clara River, as designated in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan), which is a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2015-0071, adopted by this Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on April 9, 2015, and administratively amended on September 3, 2015 and September 25, 2015 to make a typographical correction and minor modifications to a subtask.

The NPDES permit for the Valencia WRP (Order No. R4-2015-0071) prescribed a final effluent limitation for chloride consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the Waste Load Allocation (WLA) specified in the Upper Santa Clarita River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL). SCVSD has spent more than ten years seeking the least costly solution to achieve the chloride effluent limitation necessary to support attainment of water quality standards and protection of beneficial uses in the Santa Clara River. The SCVSD's two wastewater treatment plants (Saugus and Valencia WRPs) are not designed to remove chloride. To meet the TMDL-based chloride final effluent limitation, additional treatment equipment must be designed, constructed and fully operational by the TMDL-established deadline of July 2019.

Between 2016 and November 16, 2017, litigation challenging the sufficiency of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SCVSD's Chloride Compliance Facilities resulted in SCVSD's failure to meet various TMDL-established deadlines that had been incorporated into the Valencia WRPs' NPDES Permit. Despite the setback, SCVSD is moving forward. On August 9, 2018, the SCVSD Board of Directors unanimously approved recommendations to hire contractors to begin installing UV equipment at the Saugus and Valencia WRPs.

On January 3, 2019, SCVSD staff met with Regional Water Board staff to request a Time Schedule Order (TSO) because they determined based on an evaluation of Valencia WRP effluent chloride data, Saugus WRP effluent chloride data, and State Water Project chloride concentration data for the period of March 2011 to November 2018, that they will be unable to achieve the final effluent limitations by the July 1, 2019 deadline imposed by the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL and contained in the Valencia WRP NPDES Permit. This is because influent coming into the Valencia WRP contains chloride concentrations that vary in part because the potable water supply served to the residents in the service area has varying chloride

concentrations ranging from 50.9 to 93.4 mg/L for the State Water Project water; 45 to 100.7 mg/L for the Newhall County Water District water; and, 61.2 to 125 mg/L for the alluvial aquifer groundwater. As potable water is consumed, the wastewater that is generated from homes and businesses is sent to the Valencia WRP through the sewer system infrastructure. While the Valencia WRP has the capability of removing certain pollutants, the existing treatment system is not designed to remove chloride, and in fact contributes to chloride levels as a result of the chlorine-based disinfection process.

Based on staff review and application of relevant standards and regulations, the Regional Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue a TSO, including interim effluent limitations for chloride and a schedule for compliance.

Interested persons must submit all comments in writing as described below. The Regional Water Board will consider all timely written comments prior to issuing the TSO.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative TSO during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: May 9, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: City of Malibu, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the TSO. 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.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on and/or submit evidence regarding the Tentative TSO for the Board to consider must submit written comments. Written comments must be **received** by the Regional Water Board by **5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019**. Interested persons are encouraged, but not required, to submit their comments electronically in either a Word or Portable Document File (PDF) to Veronica Cuevas at Veronica.Cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov. Written comments may also be sent to:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Veronica Cuevas
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Untimely written comments will not be considered nor responded to. Failure to submit timely written comments is also grounds for the Regional 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.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative TSO, documents relied upon, 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:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
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.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Veronica Cuevas at (213) 576-6662 or via email at Veronica.Cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov or Jeong-Hee Lim, Ph.D., P.E., Unit Chief of the Municipal Permitting (POTW) Unit at (213) 576-6616 or via email at jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov.

STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE
NPDES NO: CA0054216

TIME SCHEDULE ORDER REQUIRING: Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District – Valencia Water Reclamation Plant To Comply With Requirements Prescribed in Order No. R4-2015-0071 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0054216)

_____ says:
(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

_____,
(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

A permittee to the Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, Los Angeles Region,

_____ on the _____ day of _____ 2019,
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

post two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice

(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

and the other copy of said notice _____
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2019, at _____, California.

_____ COMPANY: _____

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

TITLE: _____