

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) – AES ALAMITOS, LLC; ALAMITOS GENERATING STATION; LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NUMBER CA0001139, CI NUMBER 6113)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) has completed a review of the request for Time Schedule Order (TSO) submitted by AES Alamitos LLC (Discharger) on May 5, 2023. The request stated that due to grid reliability issues addressed by the Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program (Strategic Reserve), established by Assembly Bill 205 (AB 205) and approved by Governor Gavin Newsome on June 30, 2022; and corresponding recommendations by the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS); the generating units previously scheduled for shutdown by December 31, 2023 will be required to continue operation beyond that date. As a result, the Discharger will need additional time to achieve compliance with the requirements of the Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (OTC Policy) and Order No. R4-2020-0134, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for this discharge. In response to your request we have prepared the enclosed tentative TSO.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board at a public hearing to be held at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on **November 16, 2023**, at 320 W. 4th Street, Carmel Room, Los Angeles, California at 9:00 a.m., will consider the enclosed tentative TSO and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the tentative TSO. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing, however, as testimony dictates, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone taking action.

Written comments pertaining to this proposed Board action must be submitted by mail or emailed 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 **October 23, 2023**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative TSO, AES Alamitos LLC, Alamitos Generating Station, CA0001139". 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

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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 Regional Water Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and prepare responses 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.

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Siebels at thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Bronwyn Kelly, PG, PMP
Supervisor, Industrial Permitting Unit

Enclosures:
Tentative Time Schedule Order
Public Notice

cc (via email only): see mailing list

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