

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS (WRRs) FOR JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM, LOS COYOTES WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (ORDER NO. 87-051, CI NO. 6182)

Dear Mr. Ferrante:

The Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant (Facility), located at 10740 East 166th Street, Cerritos, California, provides tertiary wastewater treatment by utilizing the following treatment process sequence: primary sedimentation, activated sludge nitrification and denitrification biological treatment, secondary sedimentation, coagulation, inert media filtration, and chlorination disinfection. This level of treatment meets the most stringent treatment standards and water requirements for all non-potable water reuse applications found in the Title 22 Water Recycling Criteria. The Facility currently recycles treated wastewater under WRRs contained in Order No. 87-051, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board on April 27, 1987. Pursuant to California Water Code section 13523, the WRRs were readopted in 1997 without change through Order No. 97-072.

Under this Board Order, approximately 4 million gallons per day (mgd) of the 20.4 mgd total treated effluent are recycled and used for landscape irrigation including, but not limited to, urban landscape irrigation, landscape impoundments, industrial cooling towers, industrial process water, construction activities, and toilet flushing. The remainder of the treated effluent that is not used for recycling is discharged to the San Gabriel River under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) contained in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (No. CA0054011), Order No. R4-2015-0124, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board on June 11, 2015.

On February 15, 2018, the State Water Board received a Notice of Intent (NOI) (i.e., application) from the Joint Outfall System (Administrator) seeking coverage under State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Water Quality Order No. WQ

2016-0068-DDW, *Water Reclamation Requirements for Recycled Water Use* (hereafter, General Order).

Based on the information provided in the NOI, the proposed water recycling project satisfied the general and specific conditions of the General Order. Therefore, on May 1, 2020, the State Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) under Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW for the reuse of recycled water specified above. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board assigned Order No. WQ-2016-0068-RB4 (File No. 65-182, CI-6182) for this discharge.

Order No. WQ-2016-0068-RB4 (CI-6182) supersedes the water reclamation requirements contained in Order No. 87-051, which were readopted through Order No. 97-072, except for enforcement purposes, and, in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the CWC (commencing with section 13500) and regulations adopted thereunder. This action in no way prevents the Los Angeles Regional Water Board from taking enforcement action for past violations of the previous Order.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Regional Water Board at a public hearing to be held on **September 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in a virtual meeting**, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate the WRRs in Order No. 87-051 (readopted without change in Board Order No. 97-072). The date and location of September Board meeting are subject to change and updates will be provided on the Regional Water Board's website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/meetings/.

The Board members will hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.html approximately on week prior to the meeting.

Written comments regarding this tentative Order must be received by the Regional Water Board by **5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2020**, in order to be evaluated by Regional Water Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Board Chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.).

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact me at jeong-hee.lim@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Tentative Termination Order

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