

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Ana Region
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501-3348

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)
Order No. R8-2020-0005, NPDES No. CA8000403
For
Poseidon Resources (Surfside) L.L.C.
Huntington Beach Desalination Facility
Orange County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, proposes to issue waste discharge requirements for the discharge of wastewater effluent composed mainly of reverse osmosis concentrate and filter backwash from the Huntington Beach Desalination Facility to the Pacific Ocean.

The Board is seeking comments concerning the proposed waste discharge requirements and the potential effects of the discharges on the water quality and beneficial uses of the affected receiving waters. **Written comments are due no later than 5 p.m. on January 21, 2020** and must be submitted by email to RB8-PoseidonHB.comments@waterboards.ca.gov; by fax at (951) 781-6288; or mail or hand delivery at:

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The Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed waste discharge requirements as follows:

DATE: April 3, 2020
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: LOCATION: TBD

Also, prior to the March 27, 2019 public hearing, a workshop regarding the proposed Order will be held, for informational purposes only, during a public workshop that will be held as follows:

DATE: December 6, 2019
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Please note that during the December 6, 2019 public workshop the Board will not take any action regarding the proposed Order. The Board's proposed Order, related documents, and all comments and petitions received may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board office, 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, CA 92501-3348 (phone 951-782-4130) by appointment scheduled between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed Order will be mailed to interested persons upon request to Julio Lara at (951) 782-4901 or julio.lara@waterboards.ca.gov. The proposed Order can also be downloaded, until December 7, 2019, from our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Order No. R8-2020-0005. Interested persons are also invited to attend and express their views on issues relating to the proposed Order. Oral statements will be heard but should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard.

For the accuracy of the record, all testimony (oral statements) should be submitted in writing. Please note that the Water Board may limit the time of testimony. A copy of the Water Board's agendas for the December 6, 2019 public workshop and the March 27, 2020 public hearing will be available at least ten days prior to the date of each public workshop/hearing, and will be available at the Water Board website at the following links:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2019_agendas.html (for December 6, 2019 public workshop) and https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2020_agendas.html (for March 27, 2020 public hearing). Please note that the link for downloading the agenda for the March 27, 2020 public hearing will be activated until March 17, 2020.

Please contact Julio Lara at julio.lara@waterboards.ca.gov or at (951) 782-4901 for a hard copy of the agenda for the Water Board's December 6, 2019 and/or the March 27, 2020 public hearings.

Any person who is physically challenged and requires reasonable accommodation to participate in these public hearings should contact Jeannie Aguilar at (951) 782-3285 no later than November 25, 2019 for the December 6, 2019 public workshop and no later than March 16, 2020 for the March 27, 2020 public hearing. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.