

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

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Public Notice No. 16-032  
NPDES No. CA0109991

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT)**

<b>PROJECT SPONSORS</b>	<b>DISCHARGE LOCATION</b>	<b>RECEIVING WATER</b>
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (Hyperion Treatment Plant)	12000 Vista del Mar Boulevard, Playa del Rey, California	Pacific Ocean

The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (hereinafter the City or Discharger), discharges secondary-treated wastewater from its Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP) to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States. The City owns and operates the HTP, a publicly-owned treatment works located at 12000 Vista del Mar Boulevard, Playa del Rey, California, with a design capacity of 450 million gallons per day. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order R4-2010-0200, adopted by this Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on November 04, 2010, and by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on November 22, 2010. Order No. R4-2010-0200 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0109991). The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and NPDES permit to discharge secondary-treated wastewater.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Regional Water Board and the USEPA, Los Angeles Region, tentatively propose to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION**

The Regional Water Board and the USEPA will hold a joint public hearing on the tentative WDRs during the Regional Water Board's regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **October 13, 2016**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. 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.

### SCOPE OF HEARING

The only matter before the Board is the adoption of a new WDRs and permit under the NPDES to incorporate applicable water quality objectives associated with discharges to the waters of the United States.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and 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. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

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 or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period, either in person or by mail at the above address, to the attention of Steven Webb at the Regional Water Board; electronically to [Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov) and [Mitschele.Becky@epa.gov](mailto:Mitschele.Becky@epa.gov), or at the public hearing. Although the public comment period will remain open until the close of the joint public hearing in October, persons commenting on the draft permit are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in writing by **September 29, 2016**, to facilitate consideration of the comments by the USEPA and Regional Water Board. In order to assure the accuracy of the record, all oral comments made at the public hearing must also be submitted in writing. Reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral

statements. All timely comments received shall be considered in making the final permit decision.

#### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

#### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:  
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff no later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

Regional Water Board and USEPA staff are not a party to the proceeding; their participation in this proceeding exists for the purpose of advising and assisting the Regional Water Board.

#### HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, 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 five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than **September 29, 2016**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date

is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, 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. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

The Regional Water Board will not be adopting the NPDES permit during their October 13, 2016, meeting and will formally act on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting. Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Regional Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, it will become effective at least 33 days following the date it is mailed to the permittee, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing, except as provided for by 40 CFR 124.19.

### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Steven Webb at (213) 576-6793 or via email at [Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Webb@waterboards.ca.gov), Cris Morris, P.E., Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit at (213) 620-2083 or via email at [Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cris.Morris@waterboards.ca.gov), or Becky Mitschele at (415) 972-3492 or email at [Mitschele.Becky@EPA.gov](mailto:Mitschele.Becky@EPA.gov).

Date: August 30, 2016