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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEO J. VANDER LANS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND THE ALAMITOS BARRIER RECYCLED WATER PROJECT (ORDER NO. 2005-0061 AS AMENDED BY WQ-2006-0001.**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the state agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the area of the Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility and portions of the Alamitos Seawater Intrusion Barrier.

The Regional Board staff have reviewed your request to amend the water reclamation requirements and waste discharge requirements (WRRs/WDRs) to allow testing of the expanded treatment and injection of recycled water at the Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility and Alamitos Barrier. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed amendment to Order No. 2005-0061, as amended by the State Water Resources Control Board in WQ-2006-0001.

The Regional Board is considering this amendment to WRRs/WDRs in conjunction with the proposed renewal of WDRs/WRRs for this facility that was circulated for comment on January 10, 2014. At the regular meeting to be held on March 6, 2014, the Regional Board may (1) adopt this proposed amendment and continue the hearing on the renewal of WDRs/WRRs noticed on January 10, 2014, to a later date; or (2) adopt the renewal of WDRs/WRRs noticed on January 10, 2014, with the addition of the provisions included in this proposed amendment to allow testing of the expanded treatment at the Facility.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Board will consider the enclosed proposed amendment to WRRs/WDRs, written comments timely submitted, and oral comments at a public meeting

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to be held at 9:00 AM on March 6, 2014 at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. The Regional Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Regional Board will take action at the meeting. However, as testimony indicates, the Regional Board at its discretion may postpone action on the proposed amendment to the WRRs/WDRs.

You are invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendment to WRRs/WDRs or the proposal to include the substantive portions of this proposed amendment in the renewed WDRs/WRRs that were noticed on January 10, 2014. Written comments must be received at the Regional Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on **March 5, 2014**. The Regional Board may exclude comments from the record if they are received after this date and time and will exclude any comments if they will be prejudicial to any party or the Regional Board. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board Members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the issues raised in the comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Erickson (213) 576 6665.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Proposed Amendment to Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility and Alamitos Barrier Recycled Water Project WRRs/WDRs.

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