

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

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**Public Notice No. 15-047
NPDES No. CA0053091**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Donald T. Sterling Corporation Sterling Ambassador Towers	691 South Irolo street Los Angeles, CA 90005	Ballona Creek

Donald T. Sterling Corporation (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges treated groundwater seepage, irrigation drainage runoff, pool deck wash water, and storm water runoff from the Sterling Ambassador Towers (hereinafter, Facility) to Ballona Creek, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2010-0180 as amended by Order No. R4-2010-0180-A01, which was adopted on October 7, 2010, and November 8, 2012, respectively, and was scheduled to expire on September 7, 2015. Order No. R4-2010-0180 as amended by Order No. R4-2010-0180-A01 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0053091) Program. The discharge was also regulated by Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R4-2012-0173, which was issued on November 8, 2012, and expired on September 7, 2015. The TSO requires the Discharger to investigate and implement any required upgrades to the Facility to achieve full compliance with the final effluent limitations for selenium prescribed in Order No. R4-2010-0180-A01. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on March 4, 2015, and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge treated groundwater seepage, irrigation drainage, pool deck wash water, and storm water runoff from the Facility.

The Discharger owns and operates the Sterling Ambassador Towers, located at 691 South Irolo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005. The Facility is an apartment building. Storm water that flows to the loading dock and trash collection area is discharged to the sanitation sewer system. Storm water from the east stairwell is collected in the East Sump and is pumped to the main influent pipe when the water within the East Sump reaches a certain level. Commingled groundwater and storm water from the west stairwell is collected in the West Sump, and is also pumped to the main influent pipe when the water within the West Sump reaches a certain level. Irrigation runoff from the planter boxes; storm water runoff from roof drains, balcony drains, and from the parking deck; as well as pool splash water and pool deck wash water is directed to the main influent pipe. The main influent pipe routes the collected discharge to an on-site treatment system, which has a treatment capacity of 48 gallons per minute and consists of a 1,000 gallon storage tank, series of bag filters, and specialty media filters that removes selenium and silicon. The treatment system was installed in 2013 in response to TSO No. R4-2012-0173; the Facility has complied with the final selenium effluent limitations subsequent to its installation. Effluent from the treatment system is discharged to Discharge Point 001. The Discharger proposes to

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discharge up to 0.015 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated groundwater seepage, irrigation drainage runoff, pool deck wash water, and storm water runoff from the Facility into a storm drain that leads to Ballona Creek, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 34.0598⁰, Longitude -118.3013⁰).

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

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: February 11, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
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 Los Angeles Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. 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. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. 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 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Water Board must be directed to staff.

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COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to the above address. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments must be submitted to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov no later than close of business on December 21, 2015. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Donald T. Sterling Corporation, Sterling Ambassador Towers, CA0053091, CI-5839". Comments or evidence received after that date will be submitted, ex agenda, to the Board for consideration, but only included in the administrative record with express approval of the Chair during the hearing. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without oral testimony

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. 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 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. 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. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be

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submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on March 10, 2016. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: November 20, 2015