

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

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**Public Notice No. 15-038
NPDES No. CA0000442**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC Long Beach Marine Terminal 2	1300 Pier B Street Long Beach, CA 90813	Channel No. 2 Long Beach Inner Harbor

Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Long Beach Marine Terminal 2 facility (hereinafter Facility), for temporary storage and transfer of crude oil, intermediates, and finished petroleum products. The Terminal is comprised of three tank farms (Nos. 1, 2, and 3) containing 34 storage tanks; docks at Berths 76, 77, and 78; and storage, transfer, and ancillary operations with a total product storage capacity of approximately 2.1 million barrels (88 million gallons). Products are transferred to and from oil tankers, storage tanks, the Tesoro Pipelines (North America) Inc. – Carson Refinery, and other companies. The discharge is currently regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2009-0126, adopted by this Regional Board on December 10, 2009. Order No. R4-2009-0126 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES No. CA0000442). The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Regional Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge storm water from the Facility.

Storm water runoff that is collected in the low spots or sumps in the tank farm areas at the Facility is normally transferred via pipeline to Tank 221 (a.k.a. slop tank). In addition, storm water from an off-site location, Marine Terminal 3, is piped into Tank 221. The storm water collected from Tank 221 is subsequently delivered to Tesoro Carson Refinery for treatment and eventual discharge to a publicly owned treatment works (POTW). Standard operations at the Facility involve managing storm water collected in each of the tank farms such that no discharge to the Long Beach Inner Harbor occurs (i.e., the Facility tries to direct all accumulated storm water to Tank 221). When the capacity of Tank 221 is reached, the Facility can bypass Tank 221 and direct storm water to Channel No. 2 of the Long Beach Inner Harbor in accordance with the requirements of this permit. The wastewater discharge from Tank 221 is not covered under this permit and therefore, shall not be discharged into the Long Beach Inner Harbor under any circumstances.

The Discharger intermittently discharges up to 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD) of untreated stormwater runoff generated from each of the tank farms through Discharge Points 001, 002, and 003 that flow into Channel No. 2 of the Long Beach Inner Harbor, a water of the United States. No discharges of storm water occurred during the term of the current permit from December 2009 through July 2015.

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

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: October 8, 2015
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 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 Board must be directed to staff.

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 emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to cassandra.owens@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than close of business on September 10, 2015. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC, CA0000442, CI-6802". 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 an 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.

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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 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 a date to be determined. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: August 11, 2015