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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 6, 2015

Ms. Grace Robinson Hyde
Chief Engineer and General Manager
Joint Outfall System
1955 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Ms. Hyde:

TENTATIVE AMENDMENT OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM, WHITTIER NARROWS WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0053716 , ORDER NO. R4-2014-0213, CI NO. 2848)

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to adopt a narrow amendment of the NPDES permit for the above-mentioned facility. This amendment will update the chronic toxicity requirements and monitoring reporting requirements, consistent with the recently adopted NPDES permits by this Regional Water Board for other inland Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs).

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative Amended Requirements (in underline and strikeout) consisting of:
   a. Board Order.
   b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D).
   c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E).
   d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F).
   e. Generic Toxicity TRE Workplan (Attachment G).
   f. Pretreatment Reporting Requirements (Attachment H).

2. Public Notification consisting of:
   a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice.
   b. Public Notice.
   c. Statement of Posting Notice.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on **July 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California**, will consider the enclosed tentative amended requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the changes contained within the proposed Tentative Amendment Order. The Board will accept comments only with respect to the proposed changes to the tentative amended requirements marked in underline and strikeout format. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further action by staff. The agenda for

the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml) approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments regarding this tentative amended Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by **5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2015**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Timely submittal of written comments is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160 or the undersigned at (213) 620-2083.

Sincerely,

Cris Morris, P.E., Chief
Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Frances McChesney, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
California State Parks and Recreation
State Coastal Conservancy
Los Angeles County, DPW, Watershed Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Heal the Bay
Environment Now
Los Angeles Waterkeeper
Natural Resources Defense Council
Sierra Club