



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Parties and Interested Persons

FROM: Maria Mehranian, Chair 
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

DATE: September 26, 2012

SUBJECT: ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MS4 PERMIT ON OCTOBER 4-5, 2012

On October 4-5, 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) will conduct a public hearing on the tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, with the exception of discharges originating from the City of Long Beach, NPDES No. CAS004001 (Tentative Order). The Tentative Order was released for public comment on June 6, 2012.

During the hearing, Board staff will provide an overview of the Tentative Order. Parties and the public (also called "Interested Persons") will have the opportunity to orally address the Board on the Tentative Order as provided in the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing dated June 6, 2012 (hereafter, the "Notice"). No new written materials may be submitted on the Tentative Order. Parties and the public should present all oral comments and evidence during the hearing that they would like the Board to consider. If any person uses a PowerPoint presentation, they must leave a copy with the Board for inclusion in the record. Parties and members of the public with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak, and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other, and to summarize their written comments. Repetitive comments will not be allowed. Once oral comments are completed, Board staff will provide the Board with oral responses to key significant comments, as well as recommended changes to the Tentative Order to address certain comments. The Board will then have an opportunity to ask questions of Board staff, parties, and the public, and then deliberate. Final Board action, however, will not be taken on October 4th or 5th. Rather, the Board will continue the hearing to a later Board meeting. After the hearing, Board staff will publicly release written responses to significant comments received and a Tentative Order revised in response to oral and written comments. The Board expects to consider adoption of a Revised Tentative Order in November 2012. At that time, parties and the public will have limited time to comment only on the changes to the Tentative Order.

Pursuant to Section VIII (Hearing Procedures) of the Notice, the Los Angeles Water Board received timely requests from several parties to this proceeding requesting extra time to present their oral comments at the hearing. After consideration of all requests, taking into account the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and members of the public, the opportunity to submit written comments that are part of the administrative record, the extent to which the parties have

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identified unique interests, and the time available for the hearing, the following Order of Proceedings, including time allocated to each party and member of the public, will be employed at the hearing on October 4-5, 2012, unless the Board makes a modification for cause. Parties to this proceeding are hereby advised that their allocated time includes any opening statement, main presentation, rebuttal and/or cross-examination, and closing statement. Questions from the Board and the time to answer them will not be charged against the parties' allocated time.

Oral comments from members of the public are limited to 3 minutes each. However, the Board may reduce the time for each member of the public to comment depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard and the available time for the hearing. Note that the Board expects to hear oral comments from all parties on October 4, 2012 and from the public on October 5, 2012.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

October 4, 2012

1)	Opening statement by Chair, introductory items, and administration of oath to persons who intend to testify	Approx. 30 minutes
2)	Los Angeles Water Board Staff Presentation	Approx. 1 hour
3)	Elected Officials' Policy Statements	3 minutes maximum each
4)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Approx. 15 minutes
5)	Designated Parties' Presentations	
	A. LA Permit Group (on behalf of 62 designated parties) ¹	1 hour, 30 minutes maximum
	B. Agoura Hills	5 minutes maximum
	C. Monrovia	15 minutes maximum
	D. Norwalk	15 minutes maximum
	E. Santa Monica	10 minutes maximum
	F. Vernon	15 minutes maximum
	G. Westlake Village	3 minutes maximum
	H. Signal Hill	15 minutes maximum
	I. Claremont	15 minutes maximum
	J. Pomona	15 minutes maximum
	K. Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County Flood Control District	1 hour, 30 minutes maximum
	L. Heal the Bay, NRDC, and LA Waterkeeper	1 hour, 30 minutes maximum
	M. All other parties not identified above	3 minutes maximum each

October 5, 2012

6)	Public/Interested Persons' Comments	3 minutes maximum each
7)	Los Angeles Water Board Staff Responses to Comments	Approx. 1 hour
8)	Board Questions and Deliberations	Unlimited

¹ As noted in the Order on Objections and Requests Concerning Hearing Procedures and Process, LA Permit Group is not a party to this proceeding. Rather, LA Permit Group will be making a joint presentation on behalf of 62 designated parties to this proceeding.