

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT
(Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant)
(NPDES Permit No. CA0064556)

One copy of a notice of public hearing and a statement of posting notice form are enclosed. By October 23, 2013, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Publish the enclosed public notice in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge, or
2. Post copies of the enclosed public notice in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with a copy of the notice as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Regional Water Board by October 30, 2013.

Failure to post or publish the public notice by the specified date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the posting or publication of a second notice.



for Brandi Outwin-Beals, P.E. Chief
Municipal Permitting Unit

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

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
(213) 576-6600

Public Notice No. 013-036
NPDES No. CA0064556

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Newhall Ranch Sanitation District (Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant)	Hwy 126 east of the Los Angeles/Ventura County Line Newhall, California	Santa Clara River

Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall Land) initially submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on April 23, 2004, and applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit authorizing the discharge of up to 2.0 mgd of tertiary treated wastewater from a new publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) that would treat the sewage generated by the inhabitants of Newhall Ranch a new housing development. Newhall Land submitted an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (LAFCO) requesting the formation of a new sanitation district. Subsequently, on July 27, 2006, the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District (Newhall Ranch SD or Discharger) was formed. On January 18, 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors confirmed formation of the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of Directors for the Newhall Ranch SD, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) serves as the acting staff. On September 6, 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R4-2007-0046, which served as NPDES Permit No. CA0064556 for the proposed Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant (Facility or Newhall Ranch WRP). However, construction of the Newhall Ranch communities and the Newhall Ranch WRP was delayed. As such, there has been no discharge under NPDES Order No. R4-2007-0046.

According to the project timeline, home construction within the Newhall Ranch SD service area will precede completion and initial operation of the Newhall Ranch SD WRP. With this in mind, on January 9, 2002, SCVSD and Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall Land) entered into an *Interconnection Agreement* so that the sewage generated by the first 6,000 dwelling units of Newhall Ranch would be temporarily treated at the Valencia WRP, until such time as the Newhall Ranch WRP is constructed. The *Interconnection Agreement* specifies that Newhall Land will design, fund, and construct all sewers, pumping plants, or force mains required to convey any flow generated within the new county sanitation district that will be treated at the Valencia WRP. This interim wastewater treatment scenario is described in further detail in a separate Regional Water Board Order No. R4-2012-0139, *Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Newhall Land and Farming Company* (File No. 11-168), adopted by the Regional Water Board on September 14, 2012. Newhall Land will obtain the necessary permits, design, fund, and construct the following:

- A. An Interim Demineralization Facility;

- B. Any necessary pipelines to convey the treated permeate from the Interim Demineralization Facility back to the Valencia WRP; and,
- C. Any necessary pipelines to convey the brine waste stream from Interim Demineralization Facility to the deep-well injection system which will be permitted under a separate USEPA-issued Class I Non-hazardous Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit.

SCVSD will accept the treated permeate from the Interim Demineralization Facility. The demineralized treated effluent, also known as permeate, containing chloride concentrations of 100 mg/L or less, would be combined with Valencia WRP's tertiary treated effluent primarily for discharge to the Santa Clara River. The brine waste stream will be disposed of through deep well injection, under a separate Class I Non-hazardous Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit, which has yet to be approved but is currently under review by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Treatment at the Newhall Ranch WRP, will consist of screening for removal of large solids, activated sludge biological treatment with membrane bioreactors, nitrification and denitrification, partial reverse osmosis (or equivalent demineralization), and ultraviolet light disinfection. Wastewater will be discharged intermittently from Discharge Point 001 to the Santa Clara River, a water of the United States, when the demand for recycled water is low. Newhall Ranch SD proposes to have a diffuser at Discharge Point 001; however the design drawings prepared by Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering indicate that the sewer outfall pipe, its slope, the trail finish grade above the pipe, and the rip rap around the outfall will be planned by others. No facilities are provided for solids processed at the plant. Sewage solids separated from the wastewater will be trucked to the Valencia WRP, where treatment and disposal occur, under Valencia WRP's NPDES permit. Newhall Ranch SD plans on recycling the majority of its treated effluent from the Newhall Ranch WRP for irrigation purposes.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

- Date: **December 5, 2013**
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing. Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
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 Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

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 or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. 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 five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to veronica Cuevas at the above address, or send them electronically to veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov. To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 30, 2013**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

PARTIES TO THE HEARING

- The following are the parties to this proceeding:
- Newhall Ranch Sanitation District/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.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, 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 five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than **November 21, 2013**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, 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. 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 in **February 2014**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Veronica Cuevas at (213) 576-6662 or via email at veronica.cuevas@waterboards.ca.gov or Brandi Outwin-Beals, Unit Chief of the Municipal Permitting (POTW) Unit at (213) 576-6664 or via email at brandi.outwin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: September 30, 2013

STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE
NPDES NO: CA0064556

REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE BY Newhall Ranch Sanitation District – Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant

_____ says:
(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

_____,
(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

who filed the Report of Waste Discharge with the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, Los Angeles Region,

_____ on the _____ day of _____, 2013,
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

posted two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice _____
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

_____ and the other copy of said notice _____
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2013, at _____, California.

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

COMPANY: _____

TITLE: _____