

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

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Public Notice No. 16-007  
NPDES No. CA0058343

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

<b>DISCHARGER</b>	<b>DISCHARGE LOCATION</b>	<b>RECEIVING WATER</b>
Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC Hathaway Tank Farm	2350 Obispo Ave, Signal Hill, CA, 90755	Los Cerritos Channel

Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC (hereinafter, Discharger) discharges treated storm water from the Hathaway Tank Farm (hereinafter, Facility) to the Los Cerritos Channel, a water of the United States. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. R4-2011-0037, which was adopted on February 3, 2011, and was scheduled to expire on January 10, 2016. Order No. R4-2011-0037 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0058343) Program. The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) on July 7, 2015, and supplemented information on August 6, 2015, and applied to the Regional Water Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge treated storm water from the Facility.

The Discharger owns and operates the Hathaway Tank Farm, located at 2350 Obispo Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. The Facility is a petroleum products storage and transfer terminal. Operations at the Facility include receiving, storage, and distribution of unfinished petroleum products such as unrefined diesel fuel and blending components. The Facility consists of a truck rack used for the loading and delivery of petroleum products, and two tank farms (Upper Tank Farm and Lower Tank Farm) that are connected hydraulically. The truck rack is equipped with secondary containment to capture spillage during transfer of the product, and water collected within the secondary containment of the truck rack loading area, product transfer manifold, and pump stations operations is transferred to the Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC, Carson Refinery (NPDES Permit No. CA0000680) for treatment. The Upper Tank Farm houses ten aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) with a capacity of 30,000-nominal barrels each. The ASTs in the Upper Tank Farm are located within a single, contiguous concrete containment wall to capture any leakage from the tanks. The Lower Tank Farm houses nine ASTs with a capacity of 110,000-nominal barrels each. Each tank has its own dedicated asphalt-coated or gunnite containment area to capture any leakage from the tank.

The tank farms are unpaved with impervious dirt bottoms and some gravel cover. Storm water contained in the bermed tank farm storage areas will be left for evaporation or percolation into the soil. Storm water from access roads within the Facility is directed into the tank farms. Storm water collected in the tank farms is pumped through a bag filter and then normally discharged to the sanitary sewer under a Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) Industrial

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Waste (IW) Permit No. 21302 (up to 29,900 gallons per day (gpd)). When necessary, the Discharger has the option to route the effluent from the bag filter to a portable treatment system and discharge the treated storm water through Discharge Point 001 into a drainage pipe located at the northeast corner of the Facility. This drainage pipe is connected to a municipal storm drain located on Redondo Avenue, from which the discharge will subsequently flow into the storm drain on E. Spring Street and into the Los Cerritos Channel, a water of the United States. The Discharger proposes to discharge up to 0.7 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated storm water from the Facility into a storm drain that leads to Los Cerritos Channel, a water of the United States, through Discharge Point 001 (Latitude 33.8015°, Longitude - 118.1525°).

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: June 9, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*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.

### 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](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with a copy to [Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ching-Yin.To@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than close of business on **May 9, 2016**. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Tesoro Logistics Operations, LLC, Hathaway Tank Farm, CA0058343, CI-6297". 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.

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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 July 14, 2016. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: April 4, 2016