
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

ITINERARY FOR BOARD MEMBER FIELD TOUR OF PORTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

El Monte Community Center
3130 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

On July 19, 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) provided notice to permittees and interested persons that a quorum of the Los Angeles Water Board may be present at a Board member field tour of portions of the Los Angeles County MS4 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the El Monte Community Center on July 31, 2012. As previously indicated there will be no Board action or voting taking place during the tour.

Los Angeles Water Board staff has worked with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and other permittees, including the City of El Monte, in choosing appropriate tour locations. The locations selected by Los Angeles Water Board staff are representative of some aspects of the greater Los Angeles County MS4 that may be referenced at the upcoming September Board hearing.

Subsequent to the July 19, 2012 notice, Los Angeles Water Board staff has learned that a representative of the City of El Monte will be conducting a separate tour of the El Monte MS4 also beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the El Monte Community Center on July 31, 2012; a separate notice for that tour and a workshop to follow the tour was distributed by the City's representative. For clarification, Board members will be attending the tour organized by the Los Angeles Water Board staff that was publicly noticed on July 19, 2012, which will still be departing from the El Monte Community Center at 9:00 a.m. The Los Angeles Water Board members will not be attending the City of El Monte's tour, or the workshop that the City of El Monte will be conducting after their tour.

Participants on the tour should wear comfortable walking shoes and business casual attire suitable for warm weather. Due to possible parking constraints, the Los Angeles Water Board encourages participants to carpool from the El Monte Community Center to tour stops if possible. Questions concerning the Board member field tour may be directed to Ivar Ridgeway at iridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or (213) 620-2150.

Tour Itinerary

- 9:00 a.m. Meet at El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA
- *Opening Remarks by Executive Officer*
 - *Tour Information and Procedures*
 - *Tour Site Location Map (Note: Maps and driving directions will be provided to participants.)*

(Timing of tour stops is approximate.)

- 9:30 a.m. Depart from El Monte Community Center

Discussion at the tour stops will be led by Los Angeles Water Board staff and staff of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

- 9:50 a.m. Meet at the Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds for discussion of:
- *The Role of Spreading Grounds and Operational Information*
 - *The History of Modification of River Channels and Discussion of their Multiple Uses*

- 10:50 a.m. Depart from the Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds

- 11:00 a.m. Meet at the San Gabriel Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds for discussion of:
- *Spreading Grounds (continuation of discussion from Stop 1)*
 - *The Function and Value of Soft Bottom and Natural Channels*
 - *Storm Drain Outfalls and Monitoring Considerations*

- 12:00 p.m. The tour will conclude at approximately noon at the San Gabriel Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds.

Prohibition on Ex Parte Communications

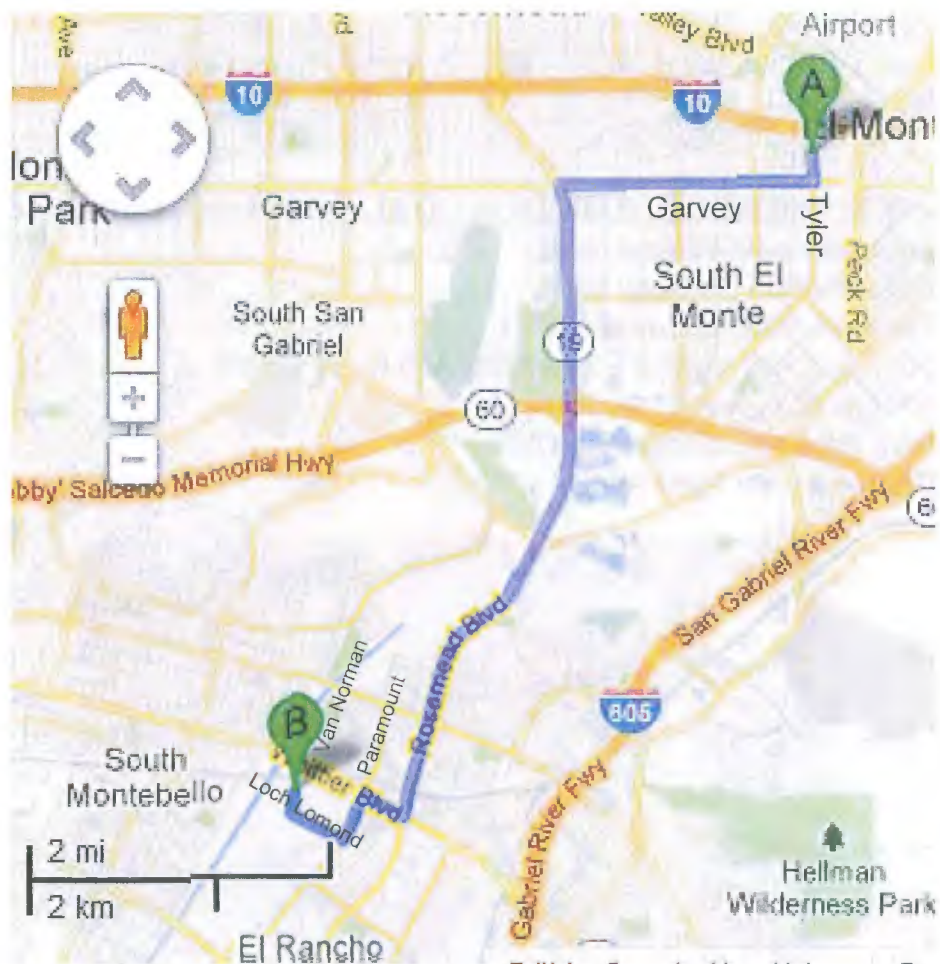
An ex parte communication is a communication to a board member from any person, about a pending matter, that occurs in the absence of other parties and without notice and opportunity for them to respond. The California Government Code prohibits the board members from engaging in ex parte communications during permitting, enforcement, and other “quasi-adjudicatory” matters. These ex parte rules are intended to provide fairness, and to ensure that the Board’s decisions are transparent, based on the evidence in the administrative record, and that evidence is used only if stakeholders have had the opportunity to hear and respond to it.

Please be advised that the tentative Los Angeles County MS4 permit is a quasi-adjudicative matter that is currently pending before the Los Angeles Water Board. To comply with state law regarding ex parte communications, individual or private conversations with Los Angeles Water Board Members are not allowed before, during, or after the tour.

TOUR DRIVING DIRECTIONS

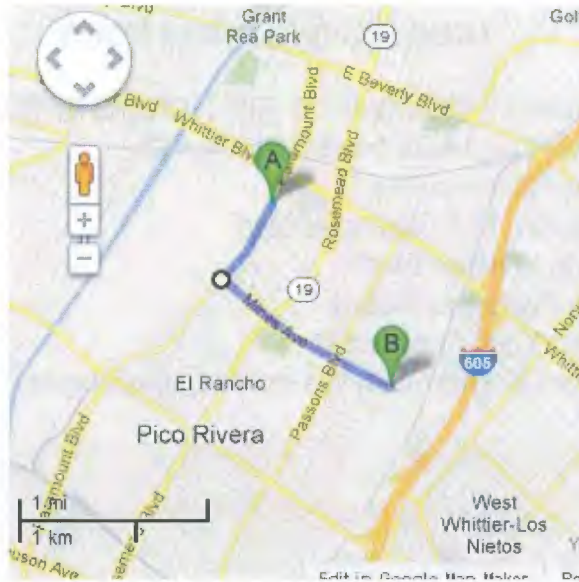
EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER TO RIO HONDO SPREADING GROUNDS

- Head south on Tyler Ave. toward Bodger St.
- Turn right onto Garvey Ave.
- Turn left onto CA-19/Rosemead Blvd.
- Turn right onto Whittier Blvd.
- Turn left onto Paramount Blvd.
- Turn right onto Loch Lomond Dr.
- Turn left at Van Norman into the spreading grounds



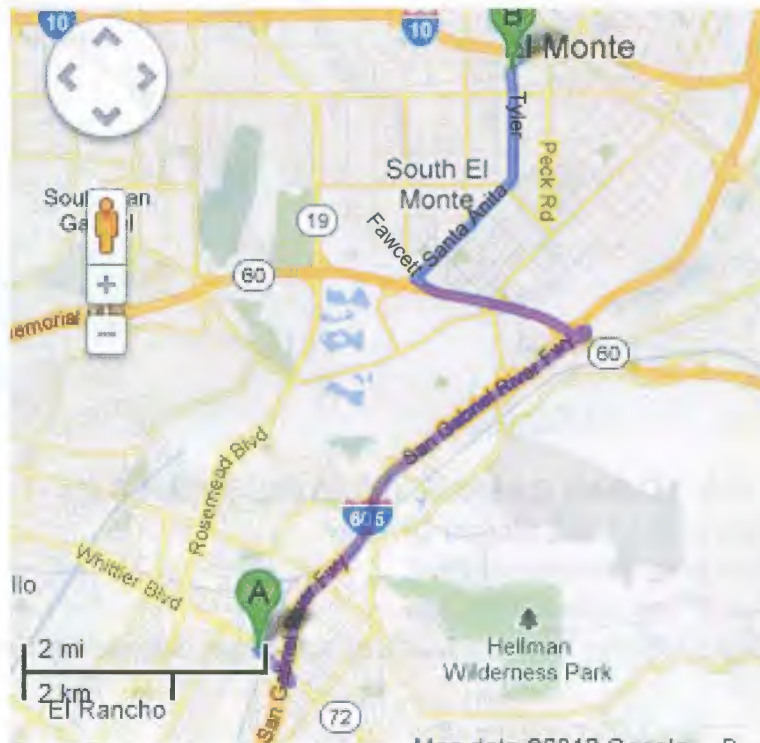
RIO HONDO S.G. TO SAN GABRIEL COASTAL BASIN S.G.

- Turn right onto Loch Lomond Dr.
- Turn right onto Paramount Blvd.
- Take the 3rd left onto Mines Ave.
- Go straight into the San Gabriel Coastal Basin Spreading Grounds



SAN GABRIEL COASTAL BASIN S.G. TO EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER

- Turn right onto Whittier Blvd.
- Take the 605 Freeway north
- Take CA-60 Freeway west
- Take exit 10B toward Santa Anita Ave./S. El Monte
- Merge onto Fawcett Ave.
- Turn right onto Santa Anita Ave.
- Continue onto Tyler Ave.



Site Location Map

Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds and San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds

