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## Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS DRAFT TMDL-SPECIFIC PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT

#### SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND IMPAIRED TRIBUTARIES METALS AND SELENIUM TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS APPLICABLE TO INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGERS IN THE SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER BOARD JURISDICTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) is providing notice for total maximum daily load specific permit requirements proposed by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) for industrial facilities within the Santa Ana Regional Water Board jurisdiction that drain to the San Gabriel River watershed. The Los Angeles Water Board is accepting public comments on the incorporation of Total Maximum Daily Loads for Metals and Selenium for the San Gabriel River into the General permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ, NPDES Permit No. CAS000001 (Industrial General Permit), as directed by Section VI and Attachment E of the General Permit. Industrial facilities within the Santa Ana Regional Water Board jurisdiction that drain to the San Gabriel River would be required to meet the Los Angeles Water Board's Total Maximum Daily Load specific permit requirements.

As explained in greater detail below, after receiving public comment, the Los Angeles Water Board will submit proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for the State Water Board to consider adoption and incorporation into the Industrial General Permit. The Santa Ana and Los Angeles Water Boards will take no formal action regarding the proposed TMDL-specific permit language.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On April 1, 2014, the State Water Board reissued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities (Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ) (Industrial General Permit).<sup>1</sup> As required by findings 38 through 42 of the industrial general permit, the State Water Board and the Regional Water Board staff are developing proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements for each of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) listed in Attachment E of the industrial general permit. Each affected Regional Water Board is conducting 30-day public comment period on the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements before submitting the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements to the State Water Board. The State Water Board will also conduct a public comment period regarding the reopening of the industrial general permit to amend Attachment E, the fact sheet, and other provisions as necessary for incorporation of TMDL-specific permit

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<sup>1</sup> The industrial general permit is available electronically at:  
[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml)

requirements into the industrial general permit. Interested persons are strongly encouraged to submit comments to the Los Angeles Water Board before the draft TMDL-specific language is submitted to the State Water Board. Until the State Water Board reopens the industrial general permit and includes TMDL-specific permit requirements, dischargers enrolled in the industrial general permit are not required to take any additional actions to comply with the TMDLs listed in Attachment E, unless notified otherwise by the Regional Water Board.

The proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements and associated Fact Sheet language for the San Gabriel River and Impaired Tributaries Metals and Selenium TMDL is attached to this Notice and is also available for review on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/sw\\_index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/sw_index.shtml)

## **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

All written comments pertaining to the Los Angeles Water Board's draft TMDL-specific Industrial General Permit requirements and associated Fact Sheet language must be *received* by the Los Angeles Water Board by **5:00 p.m. on Monday April 4, 2016**. Written comments must be sent to the Los Angeles Water Board by mail or by email at the following addresses:

### **By Mail:**

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Pavlova Vitale  
320 West 4th Street Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

### **By Email:**

[losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov)

Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "**Comments on Draft TMDL-Specific IGP Requirements – San Gabriel River Watershed.**"

## **CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact Pavlova Vitale, Sr. Environmental Scientist, at (213) 576-6751 or [Pavlova.Vitale@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Pavlova.Vitale@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions regarding this notice or any of the proposed TMDL-specific permit requirements.