



LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

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TENTATIVE REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND WATER RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS, AND MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE LIMONEIRA COMPANY – LIMONEIRA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT 1141 CUMMINGS ROAD SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA (ORDER NO. 2024-XXXX, FILE NO. 66-066, CI-5322, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL ID WDR100017186)

Dear Rosie Castillo:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of groundwater and surface water quality for all beneficial uses of water within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the referenced property above.

On April 15, 2014, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs) Order No. R4-2014-0040 for the Limoneira Wastewater Treatment Plant (Limoneira WWTP) owned and operated by the Limoneira Company. Pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC) section 13263(e), all WDRs are reviewed periodically, and, upon such review, may be revised by the Los Angeles Water Board. Following a review of the Report of Waste Discharge, dated October 29, 2021, and the existing requirements contained in WDRs and WRRs Order No. R4-2014-0040, a tentative revised WDRs and WRRs Order, and revised monitoring and reporting program (MRP) have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the Tentative WDRs and WRRs consisting of:

- a. Tentative revised WDRs and WRRS Order No. R4-2024-XXXX;
- b. Tentative revised MRP No. CI-5322; and
- c. Attachments A to D.

The documents are also available at the Los Angeles Water Board's website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

NORMA CAMACHO, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board is scheduled to consider the comments timely received on the enclosed tentative WDRs, WRRs, and MRP at a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2024, at 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, California, 90013 (Carmel Room). The Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Los Angeles Water Board at its discretion may order further investigation.

In order to be evaluated by Los Angeles Water Board staff and included in the Los Angeles Water Board members' agenda packets, written comments or evidence regarding these tentative WDRs, WRRs, and MRP must be received at the Los Angeles Water Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2024. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the record. Therefore, timely submittal of written comments is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Los Angeles Water Board staff is able to provide timely review and time to respond to comments, and that Los Angeles Water Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/) approximately 10 days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the project manager, Emily Wong at (213) 620-6156 (emily.wong@waterboards.ca.gov) or the supervisor of the Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. James Kang, P.E., at (213) 576-6683 (jim.kang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Supervisor of Groundwater Permitting Unit

Enclosures: 1. Tentative revised WDRs and WRRs Order No. R4-2024-XXXX
2. Tentative revised MRP No. CI-5322
3. Attachments A to D

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