

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Parties and Interested Persons

FROM: Maria Mehranian, Chair 
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

DATE: November 6, 2012

SUBJECT: ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOS
TENTATIVE ANGELES COUNTY MS4 PERMIT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2012

On November 8, 2012, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) will continue the public hearing on and consider adoption of a tentative National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, with the exception of discharges originating from the City of Long Beach, NPDES No. CAS004001. A Revised Tentative Order was circulated on October 18, 2012, and included revisions that were made as a result of written and oral comments received by the Los Angeles Water Board, including oral comments made during the public hearing held on October 4-5, 2012. On November 5, 2012, Los Angeles Water Board staff circulated a Second Revised Tentative Order reflecting proposed additional changes to the Revised Tentative Order for the Board's consideration on November 8, 2012.

During the hearing, Los Angeles Water Board staff will provide an overview of the key revisions made to the tentative order released for public comment on June 6, 2012. Parties and the public (also called "Interested Persons") will have the opportunity to address the Board on the Revised Tentative Order as provided in the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Adoption Meeting dated October 18, 2012 (hereinafter, the "Notice"). The Board will accept oral comments only with respect to the revisions made to the tentative order released for public comment on June 6, 2012, as reflected in track changes format in the Revised Tentative Order circulated on October 18, 2012 and the Second Revised Tentative Order circulated on November 5, 2012. Oral comments regarding provisions that remain unchanged from the tentative order released for public comment on June 6, 2012 will not be accepted. No new written materials may be submitted. Parties and the public should present all oral comments and evidence during the hearing that they would like the Board to consider. If any person uses a PowerPoint presentation, they must leave a copy with the Board for inclusion in the administrative record. Parties and members of the public with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak, and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other and to summarize their written comments. Repetitive comments will not be allowed. Once oral comments are completed, the Board will then have an opportunity to ask questions of Board staff, parties, and the public, and then deliberate. The Board is expected to take action on November 8, 2012.

Pursuant to Section III of the Notice, the Los Angeles Water Board received requests from several parties and/or interested persons requesting extra time to present their oral comments at the hearing. After consideration of all requests, taking into account that oral comments are limited to

revisions made since June 6, 2012, that the revisions were made in response to oral and written comments, the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and members of the public, the opportunity to submit written comments that are part of the administrative record, the extent to which the parties have identified unique interests, the time available for the hearing, and to allow the Board ample time to ask question and deliberate, the following Order of Proceedings, including time allocated to each party and member of the public, will be employed at the hearing on November 8, 2012, unless the Board makes a modification for cause. Parties to this proceeding are hereby advised that their allocated time includes any opening statement, main presentation, rebuttal and/or cross-examination, and closing statement. Questions from the Board and the time to answer them will not be charged against the parties' allocated time.

Oral comments from parties that did not request extra time and members of the public are limited to 2 minutes each. However, the Board may reduce the time for each member of the public to comment depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard and the available time for the hearing.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1)	Opening statement by Chair, introductory items, and administration of oath to persons who intend to testify	Approx. 10 minutes
2)	Los Angeles Water Board Staff Presentation	Approx. 1 hour
3)	Elected Officials' Policy Statements	3 minutes maximum each
4)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Approx. 10 minutes
5)	Designated Parties' Presentations	
	A. LA Permit Group (on behalf of 62 designated parties) ¹	30 minutes maximum
	B. City of Malibu	8 minutes maximum
	C. Ray Tahir – representing the Cities of Baldwin Park, Claremont, Duarte, Irwindale, Lawndale, Lomita, Carson, Pico Rivera, Compton, South El Monte, El Monte, West Covina, San Fernando, San Dimas, Gardena, and Glendora	15 minutes maximum
	D. City of Signal Hill	10 minutes maximum
	E. Cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Torrance	10 minutes maximum
	F. Heal the Bay, NRDC, and LA Waterkeeper	40 minutes maximum
	G. Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County Flood Control District	30 minutes maximum
	H. City of Los Angeles	15 minutes maximum
	I. All other parties not identified above	2 minutes maximum each
6)	Public/Interested Persons' Comments	2 minutes maximum each
	A. Building Industry Association of Southern California/ Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality	8 minutes maximum
7)	Board Questions, Deliberations, and Vote	Unlimited

¹ As noted in the Order on Objections and Requests Concerning Hearing Procedures and Process dated September 26, 2012, LA Permit Group is not a party to this proceeding. Rather, LA Permit Group will be making a joint presentation on behalf of 62 designated parties to this proceeding.