

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

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**Public Notice No. 14-041
NPDES No. CA0001139**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
AES Alamos LLC Alamos Generating Station	690 N. Studebaker Road Long Beach, CA 90803	San Gabriel River Estuary

AES Alamos LLC discharges once-through cooling water, process wastewater and treated sanitary wastewater from the Alamos Generating Station (hereinafter referred to as Facility) to the San Gabriel River Estuary, a water of the United States. The discharge is currently regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 00-082, adopted by this Regional Board on June 29, 2000. Order No. 00-082 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES No. CA0001139). The Discharger filed a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and applied to the Regional Board for reissuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and an NPDES permit to discharge once-through cooling water, process wastewater and treated sanitary wastewater from the Facility.

The Facility is a generating station with a capacity of 2,093 megawatts. There are six active fossil-fueled, steam-powered electric generating units on site. The generating units operate using once-through-cooling (OTC) water drawn from the Alamos Bay using circulation pumps.

The Facility discharges OTC water, metal cleaning wastes, treated sanitary wastewater and low volume wastewater to the San Gabriel River Estuary through Discharge Points 001, 002 and 003, located along the eastern boundary of the property and the west bank of the river. OTC water accounts for greater than 99 percent of the total discharge from the Facility. Process wastewaters and sanitary wastewater are combined with OTC water prior to discharge. The Facility discharges up to a total of 1,275 million gallons per day (MGD) of commingled wastewater through Discharge Point 001 (208.2 MGD), Discharge Point 002 (389.0 MGD) and Discharge Point 003 (674.1 MGD).

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Regional Board tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

The Discharger also filed a request for a Time Schedule Order (TSO) to meet all of the new and revised limits. Concurrent with the adoption of the waste discharge requirements, the Regional Board also tentatively proposes to adopt a TSO, which prescribes interim effluent limits for temperature, total residual chlorine and copper at Discharge Points 001, 002 and 003. The tentative TSO also establishes certain tasks that the Discharger would complete over a five-year time schedule to come into compliance with the tentative requirements.

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AES ALAMITOS LLC
ALAMITOS GENERATING STATION

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: September 10, 2015
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, tentative TSO, 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 4th 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 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.

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 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 and tentative TSO, 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 emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov, no later than close of business on August 21, 2015. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, AES Alamitos LLC, CA0001139, CI-6113". 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 an 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.

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 a date to be determined. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: July 22, 2015