

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION
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Public Notice Number 2024-014

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF
REVISED TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (T.S.O.) NUMBER R4-2021-0034-XX**

**REQUIRING
CF ALPHA & GOLF PROPCO LLC, MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC., 200 & 300
OCEANGATE
TO
COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER NUMBER R4-2018-0125,
SUPERCEDED BY ORDER NO. R4-2023-0429, CI NUMBER 9766
(NPDES PERMIT NUMBER CAG9004,)**

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Discharge Location</u>	<u>Receiving Water</u>
Molina Healthcare INC. Long Beach, CA 90802	200 & 300 Oceangate Long Beach, CA 90802	Los Angeles River Estuary

CF Alpha & Golf PropCo LLC owns a commercial facility located at 200 and 300 Oceangate, Long Beach, California (Facility). The Facility houses various businesses, including Molina Healthcare, Inc. Molina Healthcare Inc. is the current operator of the Facility. CF Alpha & Golf PropCo LLC and Molina Healthcare, Inc. are collectively referred to as “Discharger”.

Groundwater dewatering is necessary at the Facility to protect the integrity of the building structure from rising groundwater. The seepage groundwater collected from multiple collection lines around the building flows by gravity to a sump located in the basement of the building. The groundwater from the sump is pumped to a storm drain system located on Oceangate adjacent to the building, thence to the Los Angeles River Estuary. Currently, treatment is not provided to the groundwater prior to the discharge.

The discharge of groundwater from the facility is currently regulated under Order No. R4-2018-0125, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (General Dewatering Permit) adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) on September 13, 2018. The Facility was enrolled under the General Dewatering Permit on May 14, 2019, and the notice of applicability (NOA) included mercury effluent limits. However, the Discharger was not able to comply with the mercury effluent limits due to unknown sources of mercury and requested a Time Schedule Order (TSO).

On January 21, 2021, TSO No. R4-2021-0034, which contained interim effluent limitations for mercury and milestone tasks to comply with mercury effluent limitation in Order No. R4-2018-0125, by December 31, 2024, was issued. Under the TSO, the Discharger conducted mercury source investigation and evaluated treatment options. The source of mercury was unidentified. The Discharger also identified that non-treatment option, discharge to the sanitary sewer, is the most viable option for compliance with mercury effluent limitation.

In February 2023 the Discharger initiated discussions with the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) regarding sewer connection of their groundwater discharge. On February 4, 2024, the LBWD approved the Discharger's request to connect and discharge to the sewer line along West Ocean Boulevard.

On December 21, 2023, Los Angeles Water Board reissued the General Dewatering Permit via Order No. R4-2023-0429 (2023 General Dewatering Permit) with more stringent mercury effluent limitations. Because the current TSO will expire on December 31, 2024, and the Discharger will be unable to meet the revised mercury effluent limitations in the 2023 General Dewatering Permit, on June 12, 2024, the Discharger requested for an extension of the TSO to January 21, 2026, to enable completion of the sanitary sewer and cease the discharge to surface water. The established time schedule in the TSO is as short as possible considering required time to make infrastructural changes to connect the discharge to the sanitary sewer system and to bring the Facility into full compliance with the final effluent limitations for mercury in the General Dewatering Permit.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Executive Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Los Angeles Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue TSO No. R4-2021-0034-A2. Interested persons must submit all comments in writing as described below. The Executive Officer will consider the tentative TSO amendment and all timely comments and may subsequently issue a final TSO.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on and/or submit evidence regarding the tentative TSO amendment for the Executive Officer to consider must submit written comments. Written comments must be **received** by the Los Angeles Water Board by **5:00 pm on December 26, 2024**. Written comments submitted electronically must be emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to namiraj.jain@waterboards.ca.gov . Interested persons are encouraged to submit their comments electronically in either a Word or Portable Document File (PDF). The Los Angeles Water Board will neither consider nor respond to untimely written comments.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

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Molina Healthcare Inc.

The tentative TSO, comments received, and other information on file are available on the Los Angeles Water Board website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.htm

or for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
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Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Water Board at (213) 576-6600.

STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Namiraj Jain at via email at namiraj.jain@waterboards.ca.gov.