
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – HOLLANDIA PRODUCE LLC,
OXNARD, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 11-187, ORDER NO. R4-2023-XXXX, CI-10016,
GEOTRACKER GLOBAL ID WDR100001875)**

Dear Kathleen Valiasek:

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 Hollandia Produce, LLC (Hollandia) facility at 6135 North Rose Avenue, Oxnard, California (Site).

On March 30, 2022, Hollandia submitted a revised report of waste discharge (ROWD) to the Los Angeles Water Board due to updated requirements associated with a hydroponic farming operation. In response to the revised ROWD, the Los Angeles Water Board issued an incomplete application letter to Hollandia on September 30, 2022, requesting additional information. On November 29, 2022, Hollandia submitted an updated revised ROWD that proposes to manage the process wash water and RO brine generated at the Site through the use of an onsite Wastewater Evaporation Tank (EconoTanks™, Evaporation Tank) and offsite disposal of concentrated brine and salts.

As evaporation of water proceeds, concentration of chemicals dissolved in the wastewater will increase and salts will be crystalized and deposited at the bottom of the Evaporation Tanks. If not properly managed, such wastes could be released to surface or groundwater in concentrations exceeding applicable water quality objectives and could reasonably be expected to affect beneficial uses of the waters of the state. In accordance with the California Water Code Sections 13263 and 13267, we have prepared tentative WDRs for the site.

Enclosed are copies of the tentative WDRs, consisting of:

NORMA CAMACHO, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. Tentative Board Order No. R4-2023-XXXX specifying WDRs,
2. Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program (CI-10016), and
3. Tentative Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board is scheduled to consider the tentative order at a public hearing to be held at **9:00 a.m. on December 21, 2023, at the Junipero Serra Building (Carmel Room) located at 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, California, 90013**. A virtual platform is also available for those who would like to join the meeting online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or view the Board meeting online. The Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative WDRs. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing; however, the Los Angeles Water Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation if the testimony at the meeting warrants it.

In order to be considered by the Los Angeles Water Board and included in the Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received at the Los Angeles Water Board office by **5:00 PM on December 4, 2023**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comments or exhibits into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Los Angeles Water Board staff is able to provide a timely review, and that 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, please contact Douglas Cross (Project Manager) at douglas.cross@waterboards.ca.gov or me at wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Tentative Board Order No. R4-2023-XXXX specifying WDRs
Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program (CI-10016)
Tentative Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge
Requirements

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