



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region



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August 4, 2011

Mr. Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director  
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
City of Los Angeles  
1149 South Broadway Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Dear Mr. Zaldivar:

**TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DONALD C. TILLMAN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0056227, CI NO. 5695)**

We have completed our review of your application for renewal of permit to discharge wastes under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, tentative waste discharge requirements have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative Requirements consisting of:
  - a. Board Order;
  - b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
  - c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
  - d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
  - e. Generic Toxicity TRE Workplan (Attachment G);
  - f. Reasonable Potential Analysis Table (Attachment J); and,
  - g. Pretreatment Reporting Requirements (Attachment P).
2. Public Notification consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice;
  - b. Public Notice; and,
  - c. Statement of Posting Notice.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on December 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed Tentative Requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the changes contained within the proposed amended Order. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further action by staff.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*

Mr. Enrique C. Zaldivar  
City of Los Angeles

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The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_info/agenda/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml)) approximately one week prior to the meeting.

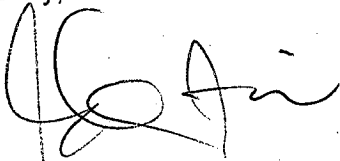
Written comments regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by **12 p.m. (Noon) on September 6, 2011**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Timely submittal of written comments is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice no later than August 17, 2011.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than August 31, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Tsai at (213) 576-6665 or the undersigned at (213) 576-6664.

Sincerely,



Brandi Outwin-Beals, P.E., Chief  
Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

cc: (See Mailing List)

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

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NPDES No. CA0056227

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

DISCHARGER	DISCHARGE LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
City of Los Angeles (Donald C. Tillman Wastewater Reclamation Plant)	6100 Woodley Avenue Van Nuys, California	Los Angeles River

The City of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as the City or Discharger) owns and operates the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (Tillman WRP), a tertiary wastewater treatment plant located at 6100 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, California. Tillman WRP currently receives wastewater from the entire City (except the Terminal Island Service Area surrounding the Los Angeles Harbor area) and from a number of other cities and agencies under contractual agreements, including the communities of Chatsworth, Granada Hills, Mission Hills, Northridge, Pacoima, Tarzana, Van Nuys, Sylmar, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park; the City of San Fernando; the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; Veterans Memorial Park; and the Triunfo Canyon Sanitation District. The discharge of wastewater is regulated under Order No. R4-2006-0091, as amended by Order No. R4-2010-0060. The amendment was adopted by this Regional Water Board on April 1, 2010. Order No. R4-2010-0060 also serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0056227).

The Tillman WRP is a tertiary wastewater treatment plant that treats municipal wastewater from domestic, commercial, and industrial sources. The treatment at the Tillman WRP currently consists of grit removal, screening, flow equalization, primary sedimentation, nitrification and denitrification activated sludge biological treatment with fine pore aeration, secondary clarification, coagulation, aqua diamond cloth filtration, disinfection by chlorination with the addition of ammonium hydroxide, and dechlorination. No facilities are provided for solids processing at the Tillman WRP. Solids from the Tillman WRP are returned to the collection system for processing at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. Solids returned to the sewer consist of grit, primary and secondary sludge and skimmings, and filter backwash (approximately 10 MGD). The Tillman WRP is designed to treat 80 million gallons per day (mgd). The dechlorinated wastewater is discharged from Discharge Points 001, 002, 003, and 008 to the Los Angeles River, a water of the United States within the Los Angeles River Watershed.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue revisions to the Discharger's waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: December 8, 2011  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), the settlement agreement, other documents relied upon, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and are available 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  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Regional Water Board at (213) 576-6600. Additionally, the agenda, the fact sheet, and the draft order will be available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/> under the "Tentative Permits" heading.

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 or contained in the agenda packet. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. In addition to the materials generated for this proceeding, the file includes the administrative records for the applicable Basin Plan amendments. 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 five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Don Tsai at

the above address, or send them electronically to [dtsai@waterboard.ca.gov](mailto:dtsai@waterboard.ca.gov). To be evaluated and responded to by Regional Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments or testimony regarding the tentative must be received no later than **12 p.m. (Noon) on September 6, 2011**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

#### NATURE OF HEARING

This proceeding will be a formal adjudicatory proceeding. For such proceedings, the Regional Water Board follows procedures established by the State Water Resources Control Board. These procedures are set forth in regulations commencing with section 647 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, in particular, Article 2, commencing with section 648.

#### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

- City of Los Angeles/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.

#### HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, 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 five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to contact staff not later than November 23, 2011, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used

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during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, 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. 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 in February 2012. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

#### STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any question regarding this proposed action, please contact Don tsai at (213) 576-6665 or via email at [dtsai@waterboard.ca.gov](mailto:dtsai@waterboard.ca.gov) or Brandi Outwin-Beals, Unit Chief of the Municipal Permitting (POTW) Unit at (213) 576-6664 or via email at [boutwin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:boutwin@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date: August 4, 2011

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT  
FOR  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

City of Los Angeles  
(Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant)  
(NPDES Permit No. CA0056227)

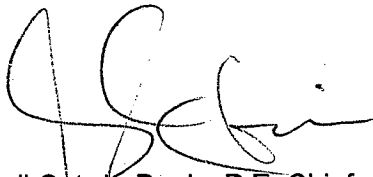
One copy of a notice of public hearing and a statement of posting notice form are enclosed. By August 17, 2011, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Publish the enclosed public notice in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge, or
2. Post copies of the enclosed public notice in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with a copy of the notice as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Regional Water Board by August 31, 2011.

Failure to post or publish the public notice by the specified date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the posting or publication of a second notice.



Brandi Outwin-Beals, P.E. Chief  
Municipal Permitting Unit

STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE  
NPDES NO: CA0056227

REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE BY City of Los Angeles – Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant

\_\_\_\_\_ says:  
(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

who filed the Report of Waste Discharge with the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, \_\_\_\_\_ Region,

\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011,  
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

posted two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

and the other copy of said notice \_\_\_\_\_  
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_