

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 1, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Zaldivar:

TENTATIVE AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES-GLENDALE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0053953, CI NO. 5675)

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) staff have completed our review of your letter dated January 30, 2012, requesting that the Regional Water Board remove fecal monitoring requirements from the abovementioned NPDES permit. This request is triggered by the final approval of Regional Water Board Resolution No. R10-005, *Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region to Update the Bacteria Objectives for Freshwaters Designated for Water Contact Recreation by Removing the Fecal Coliform Objective*. Resolution R10-005 became effective on December 5, 2011. This Resolution updates the freshwater bacteria objectives in the Basin Plan to maintain consistency with United States Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation that *Escherichia Coli* (*E. coli*) replace fecal coliform as an indicator of the presence of pathogens in fresh water, and removes unnecessary permitting and monitoring requirements that arise from having water quality objectives for both indicators. Regional Water Board staff completed the review and are proposing to revise the bacteria objectives and monitoring requirements presented in this tentative amended wastes discharge requirements.

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 Amendment Order R4-2011-0197-XXX
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 **July 12, 2012**, at 9:00 a.m., at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700

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North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the changes contained within the proposed tentative 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.

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) 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 May 31, 2012**, 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.

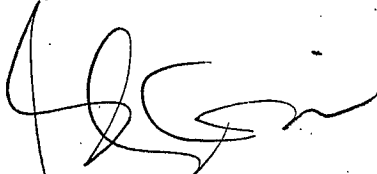
The Regional Water Board is implementing a paperless office system to reduce paper use, increase efficiency, and provide a more effective way for our staff, the public and interested parties to view water quality documents. Therefore, convert all regulatory documents, submissions, data and correspondence that you would normally submit to us as hard copies to a searchable Portable Document Format (PDF). Documents that are less than 10 megabytes (MB) should be emailed to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 10 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk and mailed to the address listed above. If you need information regarding electronic submittal of documents, please visit the Regional Water Board's website listed above and navigate to Paperless Office.

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 **May 15, 2012**.

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 **May 31, 2012**.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jennifer Fordyce, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel
Department of Fish and Game, Region 5
California State Parks and Recreation
State Coastal Conservancy
Los Angeles County, DPW, Watershed Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Heal the Bay
Tri-TAC/CASA
Environment Now
Santa Monica Baykeeper
Natural Resources Defense Council
Friends of the Los Angeles River
Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
Sierra Club
Ms. Belinda Faustinos, San Gabriel and lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy