

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

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Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor

February 26, 2009

Mr. Stephen R. Maguin Chief Engineer and General Manager Joint Outfall System P. O. Box 4998 Whittier, CA 90607-4998

Dear Mr. Maguin:

REVISED TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS FOR JOINT OUTFALL SYSTEM, WHITTIER NARROWS WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (NPDES NO. CA0053716, CI NO. 2848)

On November 22, 2007, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff sent you the revised tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the abovementioned Wastewater Treatment Plant. Regional Water Board staff considered comments submitted by Interested Parties by the November 26, 2007, public comment deadline, and comments submitted by the Discharger thru e-mail on November 16, 2007. Where appropriate, the revised tentative permit is modified to reflect such changes. Enclosed are the following:

- Revised Tentative for the NPDES permit: (Additions are underlined; deletions are lined over.)
  - a. Waste Discharge Requirements;
  - b. Monitoring and Reporting Program; and,
  - c. Fact Sheet.
- 2. Public Notification consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice;
  - b. Public Notice; and,
  - c. Statement of Public Notice.

Additional comments on the revised tentative WDRs will only be accepted if they pertain to revisions made to the enclosed revised Order. Written comments regarding the revised tentative WDRs must be received at the Regional Water Board office by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on **March 30**, **2009**, in order to be evaluated by Regional Water Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date would be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Water Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Board members have sufficient time to give full

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consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Order.

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 not later than March 6, 2009.

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 Regional Water 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 March 30, 2009.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, this Regional Water Board will conduct a hearing on these matters at a Board meeting to be held on **May 7**, **2009**, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ventura County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this Order. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul B. Medina at (213) 620-2160 or the undersigned at (213) 576-6756.

Sincerely,

Rebecca E. Christmann, Unit Lead

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Municipal Permitting Unit

**Enclosures** 

cc: See Mailing List

## **Mailing List**

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)

NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service

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Mr. Philip Isorena, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality

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