

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 8, 2025

Lance Thibodeaux, Plant Manager
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TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) REQUIRING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER NO. R4-2021-0095 (NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT NO. CA0053856) FOR THE TERMINAL ISLAND WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (TIWRP)

Dear Lance Thibodeaux:

Section 3.9 of the NPDES permit for the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation's (LASAN's) TIWRP (Order No. R4-2021-0095) includes a discharge prohibition that was scheduled to take effect on December 31, 2024. On January 17, 2024, the Los Angeles Water Board received a letter from LASAN requesting Executive Officer approval to discharge to the Los Angeles Outer Harbor (Harbor) after December 31, 2024, due to fluctuations in recycled water demand. The Los Angeles Water Board received a follow-up letter from LASAN on September 20, 2024, updating the expected completion dates of the projects that still need to be completed. On December 27, 2024, the Los Angeles Water Board provided an extension of the discharge prohibition until August 11, 2025.

On March 4, 2025, the Los Angeles Water Board received correspondence from LASAN requesting an additional extension of the discharge prohibition in NPDES Order No. R4-2021-0095 beyond the August 11, 2025, deadline. On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Executive Officer, pursuant to her delegated authority from the Los Angeles Water Board, tentatively proposes to issue a TSO to LASAN to provide a path to compliance with the discharge prohibition in Order No. R4-2021-0095.

Enclosed are copies of the Tentative TSO and Public Notice. As indicated in the Public Notice, the Executive Officer intends to issue the TSO without a public hearing. Persons wishing to comment on and/or submit evidence regarding the Tentative TSO for the Executive Officer to consider must submit written comments to the Los Angeles Water Board by **August 7, 2025**. Untimely written comments will neither be responded to nor considered. The Executive Officer will consider all timely written comments prior to administratively issuing the TSO.

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If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Campbell at Michelle.Campbell@waterboards.ca.gov or Steven Webb at Steven.Webb@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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