
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 12, 2014

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2013 SPECIAL STUDY PROPOSAL, JOINT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0053813, CI-1758)

Dear Ms. Hyde:

Reference is made to your letter of August 28, 2013, which transmitted proposals for three Special Studies to be conducted for 2013 in accordance with Provision I.D.3 of the Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant NPDES permit ((Order No. R4-2011-0151))

In accordance with the California Water Code, this Board, at a public meeting held on February 6, 2014, adopted Resolution R014-002 approving your proposals for the special studies.

All progress reports and final reports should be submitted electronically to the Regional Board.

Should you have any questions, please telephone me at (213) 576-6718.



J. MICHAEL LYONS
Staff Environmental Scientist

Enclosure

Cc: Joseph R. Gully, Supervising Environmental Scientist, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region

RESOLUTION NO. R014-002

Approving the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Proposed
Special Studies for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds that:

1. The Regional Water Board adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Joint Water Pollution Control Plant on September 1, 2011.
2. The NPDES permit contains a requirement for the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to consult annually with the Regional Water Board to determine the need for special studies. Detailed scopes of work for proposals must be presented to obtain Regional Water Board and to inform the public. Special studies are intended to focus on refined questions regarding specific effects or development of monitoring techniques. Questions regarding effluent or receiving water quality, discharge impacts, ocean processes in the area of the discharge, or development of techniques for monitoring the same, arising out of the results of core or regional monitoring, may be pursued through these special studies.
3. On August 12, 2013, representatives from the Districts met with Regional Water Board staff to discuss three proposed special studies for 2013-14: 1) Palos Verdes Superfund Site Sediment Core Sampling and Chemical Contamination Characterization; 2) Passive Sampling to Characterize Dissolved Persistent Organic Pollutant Concentrations in the Water Column of the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site; and, 3) Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site White Croaker Tissue Sampling and Chemical Contamination Characterization.
4. Regional Water Board staff believe that these proposed special studies fulfill the requirements of the NPDES permit, will further the Regional Water Board's knowledge of the health of the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site and of emerging issues associated with the discharge from the Plant, and recommend that they be approved by the Regional Water Board.

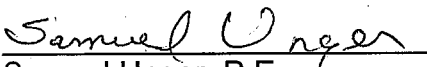
Resolution No. R014-XXX

Approving the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Proposed Special Studies for the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Regional Water Board believes that the three Special Studies proposed for 2013-14: 1) Palos Verdes Superfund Site Sediment Core Sampling and Chemical Contamination Characterization; 2) Passive Sampling to Characterize Dissolved Persistent Organic Pollutant Concentrations in the Water Column of the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site; and, 3) Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site White Croaker Tissue Sampling and Chemical Contamination Characterization, merit approval.
2. The Regional Water Board hereby approves the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's proposals for the special studies.

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on February 6, 2014.


Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer