

JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) are jointly issuing a notice of proposed actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and regulations thereunder. The USEPA and Regional Water Board are proposing to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES No. CA0063401) to the West Basin Municipal Water District, 17140 S. Avalon Boulevard, Suite 210, Carson, CA 90746, for the Edward C Little Water Recycling Plant. This treatment facility is located at 1935 Hughes Way, El Segundo, California, and discharges brine waste from advanced water treatment processes through Discharge Point 001, the Hyperion Treatment Plant "five-mile outfall". The brine waste mixes in the outfall with undisinfected secondary treated municipal wastewater from Hyperion Treatment Plant and the combined effluents are discharged to the Pacific Ocean, approximately five miles offshore. Sludge generated by the facility is beneficially reused at a soil remediation facility and landfill as alternate daily cover. The Regional Water Board intends that joint issuance of the NPDES permit with USEPA will serve as its certification of the federal permit under CWA section 401, that all applicable State water quality standards are satisfied. The USEPA and Regional Water Board will conduct a joint public hearing on these proposed actions during the regularly scheduled December 8, 2011 Board meeting. The exact meeting date, time, location and agenda for this joint hearing are available at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>.

The Administrative Record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, comments received, permit application, and other relevant documents, is available for public inspection at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml and at the USEPA and Regional Water Board office locations given above, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., beginning October 14, 2011. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period, either in person or by mail, to the attention of Robyn Stuber at USEPA and Don Tsai at the Regional Water Board; or at the public hearing. Although the public comment period will remain open until the close of the joint public hearing on December 8, persons commenting on the draft permit are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in writing by November 14, 2011 to facilitate consideration of the comments

by the USEPA and Regional Water Board. In order to assure the accuracy of the record, all oral comments made at the public hearing must be submitted also in writing. All timely comments received shall be considered in making the final permit decision.

The Regional Water Board will not be adopting the NPDES permit during their December 8 Board meeting, but will formally act on the permit at a subsequent Board meeting. Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Regional Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, it will become effective 33 days following the date it is mailed to the discharger, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing, except as provided for by 40 CFR 124.19.

Persons who are physically handicapped and require special accommodation to participate in the public hearing should contact Dolores Renick at (213)576-6629 no later than November 21, 2011.