

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION IX

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

by the

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Comment Period Closes: December 21, 2016

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region IX and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) are jointly releasing for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2017-0007 (NPDES Permit No. CA0107409), *Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for the City of San Diego E.W. Blom Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean through the Point Loma Ocean Outfall* (Tentative Order) and USEPA, Region IX's Tentative Decision Document on the City's request for a waiver from secondary treatment requirements pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 301(h).

Information related to this matter, including the Tentative Order and Tentative 301(h) waiver document, may be reviewed at the offices of USEPA, Region IX or San Diego Water Board (addresses above), during normal business hours, or at the following webpages: <https://www.epa.gov/region9/water/npdes/permits.html#watersca> and http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Tentative Order and Tentative 301(h) waiver document during the public comment period, either in person, by e-mail or by mail, to the attention of Peter Kozelka at USEPA (Kozelka.Peter@epa.gov) and Joann Lim at the San Diego Water Board (Joann.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov), or at the public hearing. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No.R9-2017-0007." The deadline for submittal of written comments is **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2016**. However, persons commenting on the Tentative Order and Tentative 301(h) waiver document are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in writing by **November 28 2016**, to facilitate consideration of the comments by the USEPA, Region IX and the San Diego Water Board at the public hearing on **December 14, 2016**.

USEPA, Region IX and the San Diego Water Board will conduct a joint public hearing on these proposed actions during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 2016**, at the **San Diego Water Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, San Diego California**. This item will be heard during a meeting that starts at 9:00 a.m. The meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/. Reasonable time limits may be set for oral statements. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons

with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

USEPA, Region IX and the San Diego Water Board will not be acting on the Tentative Order and Tentative 301(h) waiver document at the public hearing on December 14, 2016, but will formally act on the Tentative Order and 301(h) waiver at a subsequent Board meeting.

Please contact Mr. Peter Kozelka (415-972-3448, Kozelka.Peter@epa.gov) or Ms. Joann Lim (619-521-3362, Joann.Lim@waterboards.ca.gov) for information regarding the above listed Tentative Order and Tentative 301(h) waiver document. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.