CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing, for public review and comment Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0012, Amending Order No. R9-2014-0009 (NPDES No. CA0108928) *Waste Discharge Requirements for the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge to the Pacific Ocean via the South Bay Ocean Outfall.*

Basis for Order Amendment

The South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP), which is owned and operated by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), receives sewage wastewater flows from Tijuana, Mexico through a connection to the Tijuana sewage collection system. Section VI.C.5.a.1 of Order No. R9-2014-0009 requires the USIBWC to develop and comply with concentration limitations and mass emission rates for the influent to the SBIWTP facility referred to as Maximum Allowable Headworks Allocations (MAHA). The MAHA provide a means for helping to ensure an adequate pretreatment program is implemented in Tijuana and to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the wastewater from Tijuana that could potentially inhibit or disrupt treatment operations at the SBIWTP. The Tentative Order proposes to replace the interim influent limitations contained in Order No. R9-2014-0009, Section VI.C.5.a.ii, Table 7, with Final Influent Limitations proposed in the USIBWC MAHA Report, dated February 13, 2018.

Document Availability

The names and addresses of the permit applicants, the Tentative Order, the attachments thereto, and other related documents are available on the San Diego Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders.

Interested persons may also receive a copy of the Tentative Order by contacting Mr. Vicente Rodriguez by phone at (619) 521-3966 or by email at vrodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov, or by visiting the San Diego Water Board's office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Water Board will receive written comments on the aforementioned Tentative Order in accordance with this notice, pursuant to title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 124.10 and California Water Code section 13167.5.

The submission of written comments is the opportunity for interested persons to raise and comment on issues pertaining to the Tentative Order. All written comments pertaining to the Tentative Order to be considered by the San Diego Water Board must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018**.

Written comments must be sent to the San Diego Water Board's office attention to Vicente Rodriguez or emailed to sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0012". The early submission of written comments on the Tentative Order is encouraged. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018 will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members for their review in advance of the public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order. The

San Diego Water Board will prepare written responses to significant comments that are timely received.

Consistent with State Water Resources Control Board regulations that apply to this proceeding, written comments received after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption
A public hearing to consider adoption of this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13, 2019** 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/.

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647, *et seq*. and are available upon request. Information related to these matters, including the Tentative Order, is currently available and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board's office or on the San Diego Water Board's webpage at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/. 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.

Contact for Further Information
Please contact Vicente Rodriguez by phone at (619) 521-3966 or by email at vrodriguez@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the above listed Tentative Order.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.

November 20, 2018
Date