

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
November 12, 2014

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: NPDES Permit Revision: An amending order to modify Order No. R9-2014-0009, NPDES Permit 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* (Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0094). (Joann Lim)

PURPOSE: To consider adopting Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0094, amending Order No. R9-2014-0009.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0094 is recommended.

KEY ISSUES: The Tentative Order will make a few corrections to Order No. R9-2014-0009.

PRACTICAL VISION: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, such as Order No. R9-2014-0009, are the chief regulatory approach for controlling point source pollutant discharges to surface waters for the protection of human health and the environment. Consistent with the mission of the *Strategy for Healthy Waters* chapter of the Practical Vision, Order No. R9-2014-0009 integrates all applicable technology-based and water quality-based standards to optimize protection of water quality and beneficial uses in ocean waters.

**DISCUSSION:** On June 26, 2014, the San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2014-0009, NPDES Permit No. CA0108928, establishing waste discharge requirements for the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) to discharge up to 25 million gallons per day of secondary-treated wastewater from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant into the Pacific Ocean via the South Bay Ocean Outfall.

After Order No. R9-2014-0009 was adopted, USIBWC and the City of San Diego pointed out a few typographical errors, including an inconsistency regarding the monitoring frequency for whole effluent toxicity (WET). Correcting the errors identified requires an action by the Board. These same errors are addressed by Agenda Item No. 7, making the receiving water monitoring programs in IBWC's permit and the City of San Diego's permit consistent with one another.

No comment letters were received regarding this item.

A Revised Tentative Order was mailed out on October 29, 2014, to add findings clarifying the scope and purpose of the amending order (see Supporting Document 1).

**LEGAL CONCERNS:** None

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** 1. Revised Tentative Order No. R9-2014-0094

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** On September 11, 2014, the Tentative Order was sent to USIBWC and all known interested parties. The Tentative Order was also posted on the San Diego Water Board website. Notice was also provided in the Meeting Notice and Agenda for the November 12, 2014 Board meeting.