



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

DRAFT DETERMINATION TO APPROVE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY ON THE USE OF COASTAL AND ESTUARINE WATERS FOR POWER PLANT COOLING (ONCE-THROUGH COOLING):

ENCINA POWER STATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Determination to Approve Mitigation Measures for the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Once-Through Cooling): Encina Power Station.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board's Once-Through Cooling Policy requires owners or operators of existing power plants to implement measures to mitigate interim impingement and entrainment impacts resulting from their cooling water intake structures. The interim mitigation period commenced on October 1, 2015, and continues up to and until owners or operators achieve final compliance with the OTC Policy. Section 2.C.3 of the Policy provides information required to demonstrate compliance with the interim mitigation requirements. State Water Board <u>Resolution No. 2015-0057</u> describes the procedures for calculating the mitigation payment and approving mitigation measures. In accordance with Resolution No. 2015-0057, the State Water Board has prepared a draft determination approving interim mitigation measures for Encina Power Station.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft determination is available on the State Water Board's web site at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/interim_mitigation.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written public comments regarding this item. Written comment letters must be received no later than **12:00 noon on January 2, 2018.** Written comment letters must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail) 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

Comment letters may be submitted electronically (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u>. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: "**OTC Policy: Encina Power Station**." Couriers delivering

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hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Katherine Faick at (916) 445-2317 or via email at <u>Katherine.Faick@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, or Mariela Paz Carpio-Obeso at (916) 341-5858 or via email at <u>MarielaPaz.Carpio-Obeso@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

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