

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 23, 2015

Dr. Roberta L. Marinelli, Director
University of Southern California
Wrigley Marine Science Center
P.O. Box 5069
Avalon, CA 90704

Dear Dr. Marinelli:

TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – WRIGLEY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER, AVALON, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0056651, CI-6068)

We have completed our review of your request to modify the existing permit (Order No. R4-2013-0172) in order to increase the discharge flow limit at Discharge Point No. 001 to reflect actual flow conditions at the Wrigley Marine Science Center (Facility).

In response to your requests, we have prepared the tentative amendment. Enclosed are copies of the following for the Facility:

1. Tentative Amendment Order (Order No. R4-2013-0172-A01)
(Revisions were made within the existing permit. Additions are underlined and deletions are lined over.)
2. Public Notification consisting of:
 - a. Instruction Sheet for Posting Public Notice;
 - b. Public Notice; and
 - c. Statement of Posting Notice

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on December 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative order. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments regarding the tentative amendment Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by the close of business on **November 23, 2015**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the

administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Water Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Regional Water Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 § 648.4.)

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice not later than **October 28, 2015**.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Water Board no later than **November 6, 2015**.

If you have any questions, please contact Jau Ren Chen at (213) 576-6656.

Sincerely,



Cassandra Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

cc: (via email only):

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