

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

**TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R9-2014-0042**

**APPROVE A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY  
REGARDING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
ADOPTION OF CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR LOW THREAT DISCHARGES IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION**

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter San Diego Water Board), finds that:

1. The project consists of adoption of Order No. R9-2014-0041, Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region. The Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges in the San Diego Region (Order) will:
  - a. revise and renew waivers adopted by the San Diego Water Board as an amendment to the San Diego Region Basin Plan in Resolution No. R9-2007-0104, which expired in February 2014;
  - b. incorporate a waiver for discharges from aquatic animal production facilities;
  - c. issue new waivers for specific types of discharges within the San Diego Region, which pose a low threat to the waters of the State, and are not currently regulated by the San Diego Water Board;
  - d. reorganize the waivers by grouping the specific types of discharge into discharge classifications;
  - e. provide general waiver conditions applicable to a discharge or discharge operations for all specific types of discharge within a discharge classification; and
  - f. provide specific waiver conditions for each specific type of discharge within a discharge classification, if applicable.
2. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), (Pub. Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15000 et seq.), the San Diego Water Board is functioning as the lead agency and has the principal responsibility for approving the project and is responsible for preparation of environmental documents. (Pub. Resources Code section 21067; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15357.)
3. The San Diego Water Board prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the project and circulated these for public review in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15072 and 15073.)

4. After considering comments received on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration, based on the reasons specified in the Initial Study, the proposed project, the adoption of the Order, will have a less than significant effect on the environment.
5. The San Diego Water Board will file a Notice of Determination for this project with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research within five days from issuance of this Resolution in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15075.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The San Diego Water Board:

1. Approves the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Order; and
2. Determines that adoption of the Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges within the San Diego Region will not have a significant impact on the environment.

*I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Resolution with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on June 26, 2014.*

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David W. Gibson  
Executive Officer