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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 19, 2023

### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

#### REVISED TENTATIVE ORDER AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF RESIDUAL FIREWORK POLLUTANTS FROM PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAYS TO SURFACE WATERS IN LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES (NPDES NO. CAG994007)

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) staff have revised the tentative WDRs and NPDES permit dated April 4, 2023, based on written comments received by the May 4, 2023, public comment deadline. A copy of the revised tentative Order and written responses to all comments received are enclosed. Changes to the tentative Order appear in strikeout and underlined format. Written comments are not being solicited regarding the revised tentative Order.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Revised tentative waste discharge requirements, consisting of:
  - a. Board Order;
  - b. Attachment A–Definitions
  - c. Attachment B–Notice of Intent
  - d. Attachment C–Fireworks Display Report Form
  - e. Attachment D–Standard Provisions
  - f. Attachment E–Monitoring and Reporting Program
  - g. Attachment F–Fact Sheet
2. Response to Comments

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board at a public hearing to be held on **May 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at 320 W 4th Street, Carmel Room, Los Angeles, California, 90013**, will consider the enclosed revised tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the revised tentative Order. A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or to view the Board meeting. The date and location of the May Board meeting are subject to change and updates will be provided on the Los Angeles Water Board's website approximately one week prior to the meeting ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_info/agenda/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml)).

The Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the revised tentative Order. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further action by staff.

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NORMA CAMACHO, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DISCHARGE OF RESIDUAL  
FIREWORK POLLUTANTS TO COASTAL WATERS

ORDER NO. R4-2023-xxxx  
NPDES NO. CAG994007

If you have any further questions, please contact Peter Ho at  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Augustine Anijelo", written over a horizontal line.

Augustine Anijelo  
General Permitting Unit, Supervisor

Enclosures: Tentative NPDES Permit for Residual Firework Pollutants from Public  
Fireworks Displays to Surface Waters

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