



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 1, 2022

Peter Struffenegger
Director of Operations
Urchinomics USA Inc.
Channel Islands Urchin Co. LLC
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Dear Mr. Struffenegger:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND CHANGE OF VENUE FOR BOARD PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRS) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND THE REVISED TENTATIVE WDRS and NPDES PERMIT (Revised Tentative Permit) – URCHINOMICS USA INC., CHANNEL ISLANDS URCHIN CO. LLC, FACILITY, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CA0064696, CI NO. 10626)

On February 17, 2022, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) transmitted the tentative the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Urchinomics USA Inc., Channel Islands Urchin Co. LLC, Facility, (Facility). The Los Angeles Water Board considered comments submitted on March 17, 2022 by the Discharger and March 18, 2022 by Heal the Bay. Enclosed are our Response to Comments and the Revised Tentative Permit. Changes in the Revised Tentative Permit appear in the strikeout/underline format.

The Los Angeles Water Board will consider the enclosed Revised Tentative Permit at a public hearing to be held on **April 14, 2022, at 9:00 A.M** at the following address:

**Council Chambers
City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California 93063**

The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's website (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml) at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting is a hybrid meeting. A virtual

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At the hearing, the Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the Revised Tentative Permit. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone action to a subsequent Board meeting.

If you have any further questions, please contact Adriana Vallejo at Adriana.Vallejo@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Bronwyn K. Kelly, PG, PMP
Industrial Permitting Unit, Supervisor

cc (via email only):

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