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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 5, 2020

Ms. Kathi Niffenegger  
Chief Financial Officer  
Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc.  
332 East Scott Street  
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

**TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS FOR STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC. – PORT HUENEME AQUACULTURE PARK (NPDES NUMBER CA0064131) AND PORT HUENEME AQUACULTURE PARK #448 (NPDES NUMBER CA0063070)**

Dear Ms. Niffenegger:

Reference is made to the WDRs and NPDES permits adopted by this Regional Water Board for the discharge of aquaculture wastewater or seawater (hereafter, wastewater) generated at the referenced facilities and discharged to the Port Hueneme Harbor. Your letter dated February 14, 2020, requested termination of the NPDES permits because the discharge of wastewater to the outfalls was terminated in March 2019.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Water Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate Order Numbers R4-2017-0121 for NPDES Number CA0063070 and R4-2017-0122 for NPDES Number CA0064131. The hearing will be held on April 9, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. in the City of Agoura Hills, 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. The Board members will hear any testimony pertinent to this matter. 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.

Should any future activities at the subject facilities result in discharges of any wastewater to surface waters, you are required to file a Report of Waste Discharge with this Regional Water Board and secure a permit prior to discharge.

If you have any further questions, please contact Cassandra Owens at (213) 576-6750 or [Cassandra.Owens@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Owens@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Cassandra D. Owens, Chief  
Industrial Permitting Unit

Enclosure: Tentative Order

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