

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 19, 2013

Mr. Daniel J. Pondella II, Ph.D, Director  
Southern California Marine Institute  
Fish Harbor Laboratory  
820 South Seaside Ave.  
Terminal Island, CA 90731

Dear Mr. Pondella:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARINE INSTITUTE – FISH HARBOR LABORATORY, TERMINAL ISLAND, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0058556, CI NO. 6362, ORDER NO. R4-2013-0178)**

Your letter dated April 30, 2013 indicated that as of April 10, 2013 the system for the discharge of wastewater from Fish Harbor Laboratory (Facility) located at 820 South Seaside Ave., Terminal Island, California to the Los Angeles Harbor had been shut down per the requirements of Order No. R4-2008-0024. That Order served as both waste discharge requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. On September 11, 2013, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) staff conducted a site inspection and verified that the discharge of wastewater to the Los Angeles Harbor from the Facility had ceased. Our letter dated October 4, 2013, transmitted the tentative termination of Order No. R4-2008-0024.

Pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code, the Regional Board at a public hearing held on December 5, 2013, reviewed the tentative termination of waste discharge requirements and NPDES permit, considered all factors in the case, and adopted Order No. R4-2013-0178. This Order terminates the previous Order No. R4-2008-0024.

We are sending the hard copy of the Order to the Discharger only. For those on the mailing list or other interested parties who would like access to a copy of the Order, please go to the Regional Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/by\\_permits\\_tools.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/by_permits_tools.shtml).

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Siebels at (213) 576-6756.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger, P.E.  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Order No. R4-2013-0178

Ms. Robyn Stuber, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permits Branch (WTR-5)  
NPDES Wastewater Unit, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality  
Mr. Kenneth Wong, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Mr. Jeff Phillips, Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. William Paznokas, Department of Fish and Game, Region 5  
Ms. Leah Walker, California Department of Public Health  
Ms. Barbara Fosbrink, California State Parks and Recreation  
Ms. Teresa Henry, California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region  
Mr. Theodore Johnson, Water Replenishment District of Southern California  
Mr. Tommy Smith, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works  
Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services  
Mr. Peter Schellenbarger, Heal the Bay  
Ms. Liz Crosson, Los Angeles WaterKeeper  
Ms. Anna Kheyfets, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Mr. Jae Kim, TetraTech  
Ms. Carrie Wolfe, Southern California Marine Institute

State of California  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2013-0178

TERMINATING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
AND  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
FOR DISCHARGE IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board), finds:

1. This Regional Water Board adopted waste discharge requirements for discharges to surface waters which also served as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Discharger listed below.
2. The Discharger has eliminated discharge to surface water.
3. Therefore, the following waste discharge requirements and NPDES permit are no longer necessary and should be terminated.
4. The following Order is hereby terminated, except for enforcement purposes.
5. The termination of waste discharge requirements is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.

The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger, interested agencies, and persons of its intent to consider termination of the following waste discharge requirements and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

The Regional Water Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments and testimony pertinent to this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following waste discharge requirements and NPDES permit be terminated:

<b>DISCHARGER NAME (NPDES NO.)</b>	<b>ORDER NO. (ADOPTION DATE)</b>	<b>REASON FOR TERMINATION</b>
Southern California Marine Institute Fish Harbor Laboratory (CA0058556)	Order No. R4-2008-0024 (May 1, 2008)	The Facility has ceased discharging to surface waters.

The Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, is authorized and directed to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Dischargers, and to such individuals and governmental agencies as may have need therefore, or may request the same.

Order No. R4-2013-0178  
Terminating Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit

I, Samuel Unger, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on December 5, 2013.



Samuel Unger, P.E.,  
Executive Officer