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Via Hand Delivery

March 14, 2013

Mr. Tomas Morales, Chair, and Members of the Board
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123-4340

Re: Tentative Order No. R9-2013-0034 ("Tentative Order")
CRU: 90000000083; M.MATA: CIWQS Place: 256121
SeaWorld NPDES Permit No. CA0107336 ("Permit")

Dear Mr. Morales and Members of the Board:

SeaWorld San Diego is pleased to express its support for the proposed Tentative Order modifying the SeaWorld NPDES Permit.

SeaWorld is deeply appreciative of your staff's recommendation to modify the fecal and total coliform evaluation period in the Permit to a monthly calendar period. As noted in the Tentative Order, this modification will not cause or contribute to any exceedance of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin. And, SeaWorld must continue to maintain compliance with the bacterial objectives in the receiving water.

SeaWorld supports the Tentative Order because it ensures that the entire Permit is internally consistent with all effluent limitations, corrects a technical error and eliminates the possibility of being penalized multiple times for only one coliform effluent limitation exceedance in the event of an enforcement action.

SeaWorld requested this modification in a letter dated February 4, 2013, to align overall permit consistency and clarify technical interpretations. It is important to note that SeaWorld did not request changes to the effluent limitations in its Permit.

The amendment will not impact water quality in Mission Bay and is consistent with the San Diego Regional Basin Plan which states that, "*All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that are toxic, or that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life*".

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SeaWorld appreciates the Board's efforts to maintain water quality in San Diego's water bodies and values our continued mutual cooperation to protect California's natural resources. SeaWorld also would like to note your staff's continuing efforts to assist SeaWorld with its water quality programs.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you adopt the proposed Tentative Order as recommended by your staff.

Sincerely,

SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John T. Reilly
Park President

cc: Alex Sorondo - Corporate Director, Environmental Affairs
Tony Taylor - Chief Legal Counsel