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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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To: Boatyard Interested Parties List by e-mail

Subject: Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is developing a general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit that will cover all boatyards and boat maintenance and repair facilities that discharge to surface waters within the San Diego Region (General Boatyard Permit). Under this regulatory approach the General Boatyard Permit will supersede and replace the individual NPDES permits that are currently in effect for boat maintenance and repair facilities in the San Diego Region in order to better achieve regulatory consistency as well as maximum efficiency and economy of resources.

At this time, the San Diego Water Board has released an administrative draft of the General Boatyard Permit for public review and comment. The Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit is available at the San Diego Water Board's website and can be viewed and downloaded from:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/npdes/boatyards/boatyards.shtml

The San Diego Water Board is holding a meeting to discuss the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit and gather public input. The meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
From 10:00-12:00
In the
Regional Water Board Room
San Diego Water Board Office Building
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Written comments on the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit are encouraged and can be brought to the meeting or submitted to Kristin Schwall via e-mail at kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov or by US mail to the San Diego Water Board office at 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340. Please include the following reference number in the subject line: 785854:kschwall. The San Diego Water Board will not necessarily

provide written responses to the comments received but will consider comments in the development of the Tentative Order.

The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing notice announcing the release of a Tentative Order for public review and comment, and the deadline for submission of comments. The public hearing notice will also announce the date of the public hearing for the San Diego Water Board to consider the comments received, public testimony, and adoption of a Tentative Order. Once released, the Tentative Order will serve as the public comment draft permit for purposes of applicable public notice requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR § 124.10) and Water Code section 13167.5, subdivision (b). Therefore, interested persons submitting comments on the Administrative Draft General Boatyard Permit must resubmit any comments for the San Diego Water Board to consider during the public comment period that will be established for the Tentative Order.

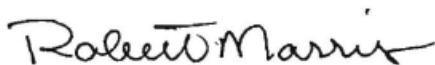
ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST SUBSCRIPTION

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for information and notices on the development of a General Boatyard Permit. The San Diego Water Board will use the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to the electronic mail list "Boatyard General Permit" located on the San Diego Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

For questions or comments, please contact Kristin Schwall by phone at 858-467-2345 or by e-mail at kschwall@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



Robert Morris
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