
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 21, 2024

Dr. John Heidelberg, Director
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sent via email only

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRS) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT RENEWAL – UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC), WRIGLEY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER, CATALINA ISLAND, AVALON, CA (NPDES NO. CA0056651, CI NO. 6068)

Dear Dr. Heidelberg:

We have completed our review of your application for a renewal of your permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, and tentative waste discharge requirements has been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative requirements, consisting of:
 - a. Board Order;
 - b. Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
 - c. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
 - d. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
 - e. Attachments A, B, C, and G
2. Public Notice

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board at a public hearing to be held on **May 23, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.**, at the Junipero Serra Building (Carmel Room) 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013, will consider the enclosed tentative waste discharge requirements, and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or to view the Board meeting. The Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to these waste discharge requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may postpone taking action.

NORMA CAMACHO, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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.html)

approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments regarding the waste discharge requirements must be received at the Los Angeles Water Board office by **5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024**, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Los Angeles Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. The Los Angeles Water Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit.23 § 648.4)

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, the public notice will be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/#1).

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 213-576-6750 or by email at bronwyn.kelly@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures: Tentative NPDES Permit for USC Wrigley Marine Science Center

cc: See Mailing List

**Mailing List
(via email only)**

Peter Kozelka, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Branch
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Corinne Bell, Natural Resources Defense Council
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Bryant Chesney, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Chris Diel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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