

Michelle Mata - November 10, 2010, RWQCB meeting on Tentative Permit for Fireworks

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Dear Mr. Gibson,

On behalf of the San Diego Armed Services YMC charity that produces the annual Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show, I would like you to consider postponing the November 10th issue on the Fireworks Permit that the RWQCB will be hearing. It is a challenge to analyze the ramifications of your draft permit and how it will potentially impact our ability to produce the show with the high cost of monitoring that is indicated. I am sure some balanced program can be worked out but the financial impacts of the draft permit and monitoring seem to be the main issue at hand. Most of these fireworks shows are produced by non-profits and the margins are slim for any additional costs. It would be a shame if these shows were to disappear when it seems that while we technically discharge some minor materials in the water there seems to be no damage to the water body. But we are sensitive to the environmental concerns as everyone would be. But let's not "throw the baby out with the bath water."

We are available to meet with you and your staff on this issue anytime that is convenient. We would appreciate your consideration to postpone the hearing on the draft permit until sometime next year.

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