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Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I am commenting on the proposed Tentative Order R9-2010-0124 regarding the public display of fireworks.

Fireworks & Stage FX America, Inc. has been producing fireworks displays for 16 years in the San Diego Area. We are concerned that the Tentative Order raises many complicated and vague requirements for our sponsors and threatens to end fireworks displays, thereby jeopardizing the future of our business. We are aware of the allegations made regarding the effects of fireworks. We have yet to see any reports that justify the allegations. Talk is cheap and this issue seems to be breeding a lot of cheap talk.

Now the Water Board is proposing to enact an order that includes permit fees and water monitoring. This is not necessary, this is not needed. There is no proof to justify the order. This order will put people out of work. This order will put at least one business out of business and more people on the unemployment line. This order will affect many other businesses adversely. Quite simply, this tentative order should be dropped. The consequences far outweigh any good you may think comes from this order.

We are all concerned about our environment and treasure our water and want to maintain good water quality. We have seen recent reports in the Union Tribune that our water quality is the best it has been in many years. San Diego has gotten a good report card from the very groups that are condemning fireworks. We are producing more fireworks than we have in the past, and our water quality is getting better! What is the reasoning behind the tentative order?

There is no politically correct way to state the obvious. **DROP THE TENTATIVE ORDER.**

Respectfully,

Joseph R Bartolotta
President