



# State Water Resources Control Board



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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has prepared a Negative Declaration setting forth the findings that the following proposed action will have a less-than-significant effect on the environment.

**Project Title:** Exception to the California Ocean Plan for the University of California Scripps Institution of Oceanography Discharge into the San Diego Marine Life Refuge Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS)

**Applicant:** University of California San Diego for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography  
Office of Environmental Health and Safety - 0920  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0920

**Project Description:** University of California, San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography seeks an exception from the California Ocean Plan's prohibition on discharges into Areas of Special Biological Significance. The exception with conditions, if approved, would allow the Institution's continued waste seawater and co-mingled storm water discharge into the San Diego Marine Life Refuge ASBS.

**Proposed Terms and Conditions:** Measures have been incorporated into the project to avoid potential significant environmental impacts. Specific terms and conditions will be included in any exception issued by the SWRCB. The issues include water quality and habitat.

### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study are available on the internet at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/plnspols/oplans/>; or by writing to Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100; by Internet electronic mail at [gregd@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:gregd@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov); or by calling Mr. Gregorio at (916) 341-5488, FAX: (916) 341-5584.

### SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein are invited to furnish written comments to the foregoing address. The comments should summarize the specific substantive and factual basis for disagreement. Final date for submitting such comments is **June 7, 2004**.

Stan Martinson, Chief  
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Date

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