

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is releasing Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0176 (Tentative Order) for public review and comment, which will amend Order No. R9- 2015-0070 (NPDES No. CA0107239), *Waste Discharge Requirements for the University of California San Diego-Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Discharge to the Pacific Ocean, San Diego County*. The Tentative Order will amend Order No. R9-2015-0070 for the limited purpose of allowing the discharge of treated seawater to the Pacific Ocean from aquaria tanks used for conducting research on genetically modified species at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. When a permit is reopened, only the conditions subject to modification are reopened (40 CFR section 122.62). The proposed modifications are described in the Tentative Order and its attachments.

Document Availability

Information related to this matter, including the Tentative Order, may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office (2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108), during normal business hours, or at the following webpage:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Interested persons may also receive copies of the Tentative Order by contacting Fisayo Osibodu by phone at (619) 521-8036 or by email at

Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov or by visiting the San Diego Water Board's office at 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108-2700, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Submission of Written Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the Tentative Order during the public comment period in person, by e-mail, or by mail to the attention of Mr. Fisayo Osibodu (SanDiego@waterboards.ca.gov) or at the public hearing. Please indicate in the subject line of all written comments "Comment - Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0176". The deadline for submittal of written comments is **5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2019**.

The San Diego Water Board may refuse to accept written comments received after the **November 4, 2019 deadline**. Late comments will not be accepted if doing so would prejudice any party in accordance with section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Order Adoption

The public hearing on this Tentative Order will be held during the San Diego Water Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** at the **San Diego Water Board Meeting Room, 2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108**. This item will be heard during a meeting that starts at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting agenda, which will indicate any changes in the meeting location and may provide other specific information concerning this hearing, will be posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/board_info/agendas/. Reasonable time limits may be set for oral statements. The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. The meeting notice and agenda for this meeting will provide contact information for persons requesting special accommodations.

The procedures governing San Diego Water Board meetings may be found in the California Code of Regulations title 23, section 647, *et seq.* and are available upon request.

Contact for Further Information

Please contact Fisayo Osibodu (619) 521-8036, by email at Olufisayo.Osibodu@waterboards.ca.gov for information regarding the Tentative Order. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any person known to you who would be interested in these matters.