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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 7, 2024

Dr. John Heidelberg, Director  
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**sent via email only**

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – 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:

On March 21, 2024, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) transmitted the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for The University of Southern California, Wrigley Marine Science Center. The Los Angeles Water Board considered comments submitted on April 22, 2024, by Heal the Bay, and modified as appropriate. Enclosed are our response to comments and the revised tentative Order.

The Los Angeles Water Board will consider the revised tentative Order 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

At the hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board will hear any testimony pertinent to the revised tentative Order. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing; however, the Los Angeles Water Board, at its discretion, may postpone action to a subsequent Board meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_info/agenda/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml) at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting is a hybrid meeting. A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join via online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register to speak or to view the Board meeting.

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

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NORMA CAMACHO, CHAIR | SUSANA ARREDONDO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Sincerely,

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Industrial Permitting Unit, Supervisor

Cc (via email only):

Peter Kozelka, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Branch  
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Stephen Estes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Corinne Bell, Natural Resources Defense Council  
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