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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**In reply refer to:**  
**767557:vrodriguez**

**Subject: Notice of Applicability (NOA) Amendment 3,  
*General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit for Residual Firework Pollutant Discharges to Waters of the  
United States in the San Diego Region from the Public Display of  
Fireworks, Order No. R9-2022-0002, NPDES Permit No. CAG999002  
(General Order)***

**Marine Corps Community Services, Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA  
92005 (Project)**

Scott Graham:

By issuance of an NOA dated May 26, 2023, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) authorized the discharge of fireworks pollutants to the Pacific Ocean off the jetty at Del Mar Beach. The Marine Corps Community Services is the named Discharger in the Project NOA under the General Order.

By email on February 24, 2026, the Discharger requested to increase the explosives weight to 700 pounds per event. Amendment 3 modifies this NOA to authorize an increase in explosives weight from 300 to 700 pounds per event. During the review process, the San Diego Water Board identified additional modifications to improve clarity and consistency with previous amendments. The modifications add a Discharger contact, include the fireworks display event authorized by Amendment 2, and specify amendment effective dates in Table 1.

On March 13, 2026, the San Diego Water Board began a 30-day public comment period for Amendment 3.

All other terms, conditions, and requirements specified in previous amendments, the NOA, and the General Order remain in full force and effect. Modifications made by Amendment 3 are shown below in redline text.

### Enrollment Information

The Discharger is hereby enrolled and authorized to discharge under the terms and conditions of the General Order and this NOA. The Discharger and Enrollment Information are summarized in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 - Discharger and Enrollment Information**

<b>WDID</b>	9 000002297
<b>Discharger</b>	Marine Corps Community Services
<b>Discharger Contacts</b>	<b>Paula Jewell, Environmental Security Water Quality Section Head (760) 725-0141</b> Francesca Umali, MCCS Events Manager, (760) 829-0421
<b>Authorized Person to Sign and Submit Reports</b>	Scott Graham – MCCS Marketing Director
<b>Event Location:</b>	Latitude: 33.21385 N Longitude: 117.40554 W
<b>Expected Event Dates</b>	One Annual Event during the Week of July 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>One additional event annually</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Marine Corps Community Services MCB Camp Pendleton P.O. Box 555020 Camp Pendleton San Diego, CA, 92005
<b>Billing Address</b>	Same as Mailing Address
<b>Type of Facility</b>	Fireworks Event
<b>Major or Minor Facility</b>	Minor
<b>Discharge Category</b>	3 – Lowest Threat to Water Quality
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Pacific Ocean
<b>This Enrollment is Effective as of:</b>	May 26, 2023
<b>Amendment 1 Effective Date</b>	April 11, 2024
<b>Amendment 2 Effective Date</b>	July 3, 2025
<b>Amendment 3 Effective Date</b>	TBD

### **Discharge Specifications**

The Discharger proposes to host up to two fireworks events each year on the jetty at Del Mar Beach. The events will use approximately 300.42-up to 700 pounds of explosive for 20-minute events. The Discharger shall implement the Fireworks Best Management Practices Plan (FBMPP), submitted with the NOI, as well as the FBMPP minimum elements described in section 5.2 of the General Order, to prevent and/or reduce the discharge of pollutants associated with the public display of fireworks. This includes, to the extent practical, collecting, removing, and managing debris found in the firing range and adjacent affected surface waters. The Discharger is advised to periodically review the FBMPP to ensure compliance with the General Order. For each fireworks event, the Discharger is required to conduct visual monitoring following the end of each fireworks event, maintain a Post-Fireworks Display Log, and complete a Display of Fireworks Post-Event Report Form.

### **Notifications**

This NOA may be modified to require technical or monitoring reports to assess the quality of the discharge and its potential impacts on the water quality and beneficial uses of the receiving water.

Failure to comply with the General Order may subject the Discharger to enforcement actions by the San Diego Water Board, including administrative enforcement orders requiring the Discharger to cease and desist from violations or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; administrative civil liability in amounts of up to \$10,000 per day per violation and \$10 for each gallon discharged but not cleaned up in excess of 1,000 gallons; referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and, referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

### **Petition for Review**

Any person aggrieved by this action of the San Diego Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 *et seq.* The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 calendar days after the date of this letter. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\\_notices/petitions/water\\_quality](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

### **Termination of Discharge**

To terminate coverage from the General Order, the Discharger is required under section 2.8 of the General Order, to submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form (Attachment I), to the San Diego Water Board, requesting the termination date of the discharge. The Discharger shall continue to submit reports in accordance with the reporting schedule until the NOT has been approved by the San Diego Water Board.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference "767557:vrodriguez". If you have any questions, please contact Vicente Rodriguez at [vicente.rodriquez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:vicente.rodriquez@waterboards.ca.gov) or (619) 521-3966.

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Respectfully,

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Tech Staff Info & Use	
Order	R9-2022-0002
NPDES Permit	CAG999002
CW Place ID (Marine Corps Comm Services - Fireworks Event Location)	767557
CW Party/Organization ID (Marine Corps Comm Services)	527373
CW Party/Person ID (Scott Graham)	638916
CW Regulatory Measure (General Order)	447470
CW Regulatory Measure (Enrollment)	451977
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