

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Marcos De la Cruz)
MEETING DATE: June 10, 2020

ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **General Waste Discharge Requirements for Residual Firework Pollutants from Public Fireworks Displays** – Issuance of General NPDES Permit

DISCUSSION: This Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would issue a new general NPDES permit for discharges of residual fireworks pollutants associated with public fireworks displays for community celebrations, such as Fourth of July and New Year's Eve, and sporting, business, and school events. Fireworks discharges can include chemical pollutants and debris from both ignited and un-ignited pyrotechnic devices.

The Revised Tentative Order would require enrollees to develop and implement a Best Management Practices (BMPs) Plan that describes steps they will take to ensure that residual firework pollutant discharges do not harm receiving waters. BMPs could include using alternative fireworks with biodegradable components, (2) securing pyrotechnic equipment prior to fireworks displays, and (3) collecting fireworks debris from within the firing range after each fireworks display.

We received comments (Appendix B) on the tentative order from San Francisco Baykeeper and Pyro Spectaculars North, Inc., and we responded (Appendix C) to the comments, in some cases by revising the tentative order. Our revisions included clarifying the BMP requirements and Fact Sheet. We also made editorial changes in Fact Sheet section VIII.C (Public Participation) to reflect that the public hearing was held virtually. We expect this item to be uncontested.

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DATION: Adoption of the Revised Tentative Order

FILE: CW-860226

APPENDICES: A. Revised Tentative Order
B. Comments
C. Response to Comments

Appendix A
Revised Tentative Order

Appendix B

Comments

In accordance with Section 11546.7 of the California Government Code, an electronic version of the comments received have not been posted online as they do not meet specified accessibility standards. For an electronic copy of the comments, please see the contact information provided in Fact Sheet section VII.G of the revised tentative order.

Appendix C
Response to Comments