

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**Discharge of Residual Fireworks Pollutants from Public Fireworks Displays
Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and
Sonoma Counties**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Board) has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit for public fireworks displays in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The draft permit proposes to reissue the Fireworks General Permit (Order R2-2020-0021), regulating discharges of residual fireworks pollutants associated with public fireworks displays to San Francisco Bay and other inland surface waters in the San Francisco Bay Region. The draft permit requires implementation of best management practices to control pollutant discharges.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft order is 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Marcos De la Cruz**. Persons wishing to file written comments on any aspect of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered.

The Board will hold a hearing to consider adopting the draft order during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **April 8, 2026**, in the auditorium at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to express their views at this hearing.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 23 section 2050(c), any party who challenges the Board's action through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues that were raised before the Board at the hearing or in timely submitted correspondence.

All documents related to the draft permit may be inspected at the Board office. The draft general permit and developments on this matter are available at
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html.

Comments received, Board staff responses to comments, and other developments on this matter will be posted on the Board meeting agenda a week prior to the hearing and will be available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html.

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