

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Robert Schlipf)
MEETING DATE: October 11, 2006

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **Shell Oil Products US and Equilon Enterprises LLC, Shell Martinez Refinery, Contra Costa County - Reissuance of NPDES Permit**

CHRONOLOGY: November 2001 - NPDES Permit Reissued

DISCUSSION: Shell operates a petroleum refinery in Martinez that is owned by Equilon. The refinery discharges 5.8 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to Carquinez Strait.

Shell, U.S. EPA, and Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) commented on Board staff's draft permit. We have responded to all comments (Appendix C), and made appropriate changes to the draft permit, all of which are reflected in the attached Revised Tentative Order. We resolved many issues; however, a few remain. The primary issue was raised by CBE on compliance schedules.

CBE indicates that the proposed compliance schedules in the draft permit are not authorized under the California Toxics Rule or State Implementation Policy (SIP). We disagree. As more fully explained in our response to comments (*CBE comment 3*), the compliance schedules are authorized under the Basin Plan and SIP.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: Adoption of the Revised Tentative Order

File Number: 2119.1042 (RS)

Appendices: A. Revised Tentative Order
B. Correspondence
C. Response to Comments