California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE ORDER REGULATING MERCURY AND PCBs FROM MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING DISCHARGE PERMITS

Board staff has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for nearly all wastewater dischargers, sewage and industrial, in the region in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The draft permit regulates mercury and PCBs from treated sewage and industrial wastewater discharges to San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. Board staff has also prepared an amendment to nearly all individual discharge permits. The draft amendment updates various standard provisions and monitoring and reporting requirements.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2017. Comments must be sent to the attention of James Parrish. 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 consider adopting the draft permit and amendment during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **November 8, 2017**, 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 that challenges the Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the draft permit and amendment may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The draft permit and amendment and any developments on this matter are also available at <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay">www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay</a>. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact James Parrish at (510) 622-2381 or jparrish@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions.