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

C&H Sugar Company Refinery, and Joint Use C&H Sugar Company-Crockett Community Services District Philip F. Meads Water Treatment Plant 830 Loring Avenue, Crockett, Contra Costa County

Board staff has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the above dischargers in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

C&H Sugar Company owns and operates a refinery that takes and returns about 16 million gallons per day of water from Carquinez Strait that it uses for cooling. C&H Sugar Company also operates a treatment plant on behalf of Crockett Community Services District that treats about 0.8 million gallons per day of refinery wastewater and domestic wastewater from the community of Crockett, also for discharge to Carquinez Strait.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is **5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2018.** Comments must be sent to the attention of **William Burrell.** 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 during a meeting to commence at **9:00 a.m.** on **April 11, 2018**, in the Auditorium at 1515 Clay Street, 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 permit and developments on this matter are available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff responses to comments will be posted on that website a week prior to the hearing. Contact William Burrell at (510) 622-2317 or William.Burrell@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions.