

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR

**PROPOSED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT REGIONAL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES, ALAMEDA AND
CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will accept written comments on the Tentative Order for Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for East Bay Regional Park District Regional Maintenance Activities, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties (Project).

The East Bay Regional Park District (District) conducts routine maintenance activities on land owned and/or managed by the District within Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Land owned and/or managed by the District currently is located on 66 regional parks, covering a total area of more than 122,890 acres. The District conducts routine maintenance activities in streams, creeks, channels, catchment basins, seeps, springs, ponds, lakes, and beaches. Maintenance activities may involve culvert replacement, maintenance of existing structures, maintenance of existing road or trail crossings of creeks, bank stabilization, maintenance dredging, and beach replenishment. The purpose of the maintenance activities is to protect water quality and quantity, to reduce erosion, to maintain and enhance natural resources, and to provide safe access for the public and emergency vehicles. The Tentative Order replaces a prior, expiring Order that authorized these maintenance activities.

Routine maintenance activities may occur in several watersheds within Alameda and Contra Costa counties including the Alameda, Alhambra, Claremont, Garrity, Rheem, Kirker, Mount Diablo, Pinole, San Pablo, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Walnut, and Wildcat creek watersheds that drain to San Francisco Bay, San Pablo Bay, and Suisun Bay. The Tentative Order applies to portions of these watersheds that are located within the jurisdiction of the Regional Water Board.

The Tentative Order is available for review at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the Tentative Order are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 pm on June 21, 2018**. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the Regional Water Board determines otherwise. Submit comments to Brian Wines, by email to Brian.Wines@waterboards.ca.gov (must not be more than 15 megabytes); or mail or hand deliver to:

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San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – East Bay Regional Park District Regional Maintenance Activities Project Order Comments.”**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board will consider adopting the Tentative Order during a meeting to commence at **9:00 am on July 11, 2018**, in the Auditorium on the first floor at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612. 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.

Please direct questions about this notice to Brian Wines at (510) 622-5681 or Brian.Wines@waterboards.ca.gov.