

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 THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT**

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 the South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (Project).

The Project will modify 2,385 acres of ponds within the 15,100 acres of former salt ponds that are being restored under the Project. The modified ponds are located within the Alviso Pond Complex and the Ravenswood Pond Complex. Three managed ponds will be converted to tidal marsh habitat, four managed ponds will be reconfigured, and two ponds with tidal marsh habitat will be modified to enhance tidal marsh development. The Tentative Order would authorize Project construction and ongoing maintenance and management, including monitoring and adaptive management actions, for the Project. In addition, it would rescind two orders that currently cover the Project's first phase, updating and incorporating their requirements into the Tentative Order.

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 April 16, 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
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Please indicate in the subject line: **"Comment Letter – South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Order Comments."**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board will consider adopting the Tentative Order during a meeting to commence at **9:00 am on May 9, 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.

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