California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND BOARD MEETING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT

City and County of San Francisco Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant, Wastewater Collection System, and Westside Recycled Water Project 3500 Great Highway, San Francisco, San Francisco County

EPA and the Board prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit (CA0037681) for the above discharger in accordance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The discharger treats and discharges wastewater and stormwater into federal and State waters of the Pacific Ocean. The discharger is constructing a recycled water project that will also provide tertiary treatment to produce recycled water. Sludge from the facility is anaerobically-digested onsite and hauled to a landfill or land-applied.

The deadline for receipt of comments on the draft permit is 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2019. Comments must be sent to the attention of Jessica Watkins at the Board and Becky Mitschele at EPA. 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 **August 14, 2019**, in the Auditorium at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. Interested persons are invited to express their views at this hearing. The Board intends that issuance of this NPDES permit will serve as certification of the permit under CWA section 401.

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. When a final permit is issued, it will become effective at least 33 days following the date it is mailed to the permittee, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing, except as provided for by 40 C.F.R. section 124.19.

The draft permit and current information are available at <u>www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay</u>. Responses to comments will be posted on that website a week prior to the hearing. The administrative record for the draft permit may be inspected at the Board or EPA office. Contact Jessica Watkins at (510) 622-2349 or jwatkins@waterboards.ca.gov or Becky Mitschele at (415) 972-3492 or mitschele.becky@epa.gov if you have questions.