

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (John Madigan)
MEETING DATE: May 13, 2020

ITEM: 5A

SUBJECT: Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, California's Great America, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

CHRONOLOGY: January 2015 – Permit reissued

DISCUSSION: This Tentative Order (Appendix A) would reissue the NPDES permit for California's Great America, a 96-acre amusement park in Santa Clara. It would establish effluent limitations and other operational and management requirements for discharges of accumulated stormwater and other water from two retention basins to San Tomas Aquino Creek.

California's Great America collects stormwater; water from pools and water rides; minor amounts of groundwater from onsite wells; and landscape irrigation runoff in the two onsite retention basins. When stormwater runoff exceeds the retention basins' capacity, which occurs about six days per year, part of the basins' contents are pumped to San Tomas Aquino Creek to prevent flooding and inundation of structures. Discharges average about 1.9 million gallons per day during these short periods.

We received no comments on the Tentative Order and made only minor corrections of typographical errors in the Fact Sheet. We expect it to remain uncontested.

**RECOMMEN-
DATION:** Adoption of the Tentative Order

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APPENDIX: A. Tentative Order

Appendix A

Tentative Order