

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**West County Agency, West County Wastewater District, and City of Richmond and
Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1
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. The West County Agency is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) whose members are the West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1. The JPA members plan to dissolve the JPA within this permit term, in which case West County Agency's obligations of this Tentative Order will be transferred to the West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1. The West County Wastewater District owns and operates the West County Wastewater Treatment Plant and its associated sanitary sewer system, and it provides secondary treatment of about 7.2 million gallons per day of wastewater. The City of Richmond and the Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1 own the Richmond Municipal Sewer District Water Pollution Control Plant and its associated sanitary sewer system, and they provide secondary treatment of about 4.9 million gallons per day of wastewater. The effluent from the two plants is combined and dechlorinated before discharging to Central San Francisco Bay via the West County Agency Common Outfall.

The addresses for these agencies are as follows:

- West County Agency, 2910 Hilltop Drive, Richmond
- West County Wastewater District, 2377 Garden Tract Road, Richmond
- City of Richmond and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1, 601 Canal Boulevard, Richmond

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is **5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2024**. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Kerry O'Connor**. 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 **June 12, 2024**. 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 **Kerry O'Connor** at **(510) 622-2465** or **Kerry.OConnor@waterboards.ca.gov** if you have questions.