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**DISCUSSION:**

This Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would reissue the NPDES permit for discharges from the City of Petaluma Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility, which serves approximately 63,000 people. The Facility collects and treats domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater from its service area and has an average daily dry weather design flow of 6.7 million gallons per day. The NPDES permit authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to the Petaluma River from October 21 through April 30. During the dry season, the City recycles treated wastewater on nearby pastures, vineyards, golf courses, and other landscaped areas.

We received comments from the City of Petaluma (Appendix B) on the Tentative Order during the public comment period. We prepared a response to comments (Appendix C) that explains related changes that are reflected in the Revised Tentative Order. The changes primarily clarify monitoring requirements.

We expect this item to be uncontested.

**APPENDICES:**

- A. Revised Tentative Order
- B. Comments
- C. Response to Comments

# Appendix A

## Revised Tentative Order

## Appendix B

### Comments

For a copy of the comments, please contact Jerry Xu via email to [jerry.xu@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jerry.xu@waterboards.ca.gov) or at (510) 622-2469.

## Appendix C

### Response to Comments