

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT  
A RESOLUTION AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative resolution and mitigated negative declaration to grant a categorical exception to the *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries in California (SIP)* for discharges from drinking water systems in the San Francisco Bay Region.

The tentative resolution would grant a categorical exception to the SIP for drinking water discharges that are short-term or seasonal in nature and that are conducted to fulfill statutory requirements under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act or the California Health and Safety Code. The tentative resolution would also grant the categorical exception for short-term or seasonal drinking water discharges resulting from draining canals, pipelines, and water treatment facilities for cleaning or maintenance. The categorical exception would apply throughout the San Francisco Bay Region and would set aside discharge limitations for copper and trihalomethanes (disinfection byproducts). The mitigated negative declaration evaluates the potential environmental impacts resulting from granting the categorical exception.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the resolution and mitigated negative declaration for the proposed categorical exception during a hearing later this year.

**The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2008.** Comments must be sent to the **attention of Xavier Fernandez**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the preliminary initial study/mitigated negative declaration or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after this deadline.