ITEM: 5.A

SUBJECT: City of Oakland and Port of Oakland, for the Property Located at the Former Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Alameda County – Adoption of Site Cleanup Requirements

CHRONOLOGY: The Board has not previously considered this item.

DISCUSSION: This Tentative Order specifies cleanup requirements for petroleum impacted soil and groundwater, primarily associated with former underground storage tank ("UST") and aboveground storage tank locations. The Tentative Order establishes time frames, initiates cost recovery for Water Board oversight, and identifies all the parties associated with cleanup requirements for petroleum impacted soil and groundwater at the former Oakland Army Base (Base) since its early transfer from the Army. The Base is located in a heavily industrialized area at the western edge of Oakland and the eastern terminus of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, within the corporate limits of the City of Oakland (City).

Both the City and the Port of Oakland (Port) are named as dischargers because of their ownership of representative portions of the property. The environmental remediation responsibility was transferred to the City pursuant to a September 30, 2002, Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement between the Army and the City. The environmental remediation responsibility is shared between Oakland Base Reuse Authority (Authority) and the Port pursuant to a July 8, 2003 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). According to this MOA, each party is responsible for remediating their respective portions of the property they own.

On August 8, 2003 the Army performed an early transfer of approximately 366 acres of land, including approximately 56 acres of offshore submerged land and excluding uplands and submerged lands of former Parcel 1, to the Authority, a department of the City. On the same day, the Authority transferred 20 acres of upland and the submerged land to the Port.

Staff has received comments from the Authority, the Port, and the Army. Relevant and appropriate changes have been incorporated into the Tentative Order.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the Tentative Order.

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Attachments: A – Tentative Order  
B – Correspondence