

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Elizabeth Christian)  
MEETING DATE: April 12, 2006

**ITEM:** 5A

**SUBJECT:** Port of Richmond, Point Potrero Marine Terminal, Upland Dredged Material Disposal Site, Richmond, Contra Costa County – Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 96-082

**CHRONOLOGY:** June 1996 –Waste Discharge Requirements adopted

**DISCUSSION:** This 53-acre former World War II era shipyard located in Richmond served as an upland disposal site for dredged sediment in the mid-to-late 1990s when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Port of Richmond were jointly undertaking the deepening of the shipping channel in Richmond Harbor. The sediment placed on the site also aided in fulfilling a requirement of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Consent Order to cap an asbestos-contaminated area with a minimum of two feet of soil, topped by asphalt. DTSC and Water Board staff agreed that coverage of the site with dredged sediment and final capping with asphalt would remedy the threat of human contact with asbestos and provide an upland disposal site for sediment found to be unsuitable for aquatic in-Bay disposal.

Placement of the final layers of the cap consisting of aggregate base rock and asphalt concrete was completed in April 2004. The Port is executing an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with DTSC for the long-term care of the disposal site. Because the site is no longer accepting dredged material, the requirements of the 1996 order for placing and drying the sediment and monitoring storm water discharges from the drying area are no longer applicable for the site.

The Tentative Order (Appendix) rescinds the existing order. Board staff did not receive any comments on the Tentative Order. We expect this item to remain uncontested.

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DATION:** Adoption of the Tentative Order

File No.: 2119.1212  
Appendix: Tentative Order