California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE PCBS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY MERCURY WATERSHED PERMIT

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit covering discharges of PCBs from nearly all wastewater discharges in the region. This Tentative Order would implement the San Francisco Bay PCBs TMDL for these discharges which the Regional Water Board adopted in February 2008. The specific discharges covered include all sewage treatment facilities in the region, and all industrial facilities that discharge PCBs directly to San Francisco Bay and its contiguous bay segments.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., March 9, 2011

Location: First Floor Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building

1515 Clay Street, Oakland

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2011, so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Robert Schlipf at (510) 622-2478, or by e-mail at rschlipf@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.

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