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

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION, OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT

## C&H Sugar Company and Crockett Community Services District C&H Sugar Refinery and Crockett Community Services District Joint Treatment Plant 830 Loring Avenue, Crockett, Contra Costa County

The above discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

C&H Sugar Company owns and operates the C&H Sugar refinery and operates the Joint Treatment Plant on behalf of the Crockett Community Services District. The Joint Treatment Plant treats sugar refining wastewater and pretreated domestic and commercial wastewater from the community of Crockett. The refinery also takes water from the Carquinez Strait for cooling and discharges it back to the Carquinez Strait.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2012. Comments must be sent to the attention of Derek Whitworth. 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 this deadline so that such comments may be considered.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **September 12, 2012**, in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the 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 Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at <a href="www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay">www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay</a>. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact **Derek Whitworth** at (510) 622-2349, or by email at <a href="mailto:Dwhitworth@waterboards.ca.gov">Dwhitworth@waterboards.ca.gov</a>, if you have any questions.