

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE
TENTATIVE ORDER
AMENDING THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION
MUNICIPAL REGIONAL STORMWATER PERMIT**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has prepared a Tentative Order amending the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Order No. R2-2015-0049 (MRP), under the Clean Water Act. If adopted, this Tentative Order will add to the MRP the following: the cities of Antioch; Brentwood; and Oakley; and portions of Unincorporated Contra Costa County, and Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (together called the East County Permittees).

Each Permittee owns and/or operates a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) from which stormwater is discharged into receiving waters including Delta Waterways, which drain into the San Francisco Bay. The MRP will require the East County Permittees to reduce the discharge of pollutants from their MS4s to the maximum extent possible and to effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges into storm sewers. The Tentative Order requires Permittee actions in the following areas: municipal operations; new development and redevelopment; industrial and commercial site controls; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site controls; public information and outreach; water quality monitoring; and specific pollutant controls, including for pesticides, trash, mercury, methylmercury, PCBs, bacteria, and copper. The Tentative Order also extends certain due dates in the MRP to allow the East County Permittees a reasonable amount of time to complete the associated tasks; identifies and exempts those MRP provision that do not apply to the East County Permittees; and incorporates requirements for the Central Valley Regional Water Board's Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that apply to the East County Permittee. This Tentative Order does not change any requirements for any of the entities already named in the MRP.

The deadline for receipt of written comments on the Tentative Order is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Written comments should be submitted to mrp.reissuance@waterboards.ca.gov. Please submit all attachments to the email as one electronic file with a file name clearly identifying the commenting entity. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to Dale Bowyer, 1515 Clay St., Ste. 1400, Oakland, CA 94612. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the Tentative Order must do so no later than this deadline, so that the 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 Board will consider adopting the Tentative Order during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **January 16, 2019**, in the Auditorium at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Any updates or changes in the date, time, and place of the public hearing will be noticed on the MRP Lyris email list. **Any person desiring to receive future notices on the Tentative Order must sign up for the MRP Lyris email list.** To sign up for the Lyris list, access the email list subscription form and select "Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit Reissuance" at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg2_subscribe.shtml.

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

All documents related to the Tentative Order will be made available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/stormwater/Municipal/Amendment_MRPSWP.html
and also may be inspected at the Water Board office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or would like an electronic copy of the documents in compact disk format or a paper copy sent by mail, please contact Dale Bowyer at (510) 622-2323 or via email to dale.bowyer@waterboards.ca.gov.