California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612

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

## West County Agency, West County Wastewater District, City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Wastewater District Treatment Plants at 601 Canal Blvd and 2377 Garden Tract Road, Richmond, Contra Costa County

Board staff has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the above dischargers in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The above dischargers own and operate two wastewater treatment plants that treat a total of about 13 million gallons per day of wastewater from Richmond and surrounding areas. The treated wastewater from the two plants is combined and discharged through a deepwater outfall into Central San Francisco Bay about 8,200 feet offshore south of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2018. Comments must be sent to the attention of Robert Schlipf. Persons wishing to file written comments on any aspect of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered.

The Board will consider adopting the draft permit during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **January 16, 2019**, in the Auditorium at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. Interested persons are invited to express their views at this hearing.

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 draft permit and order may be inspected at the Board office. The draft permit and order, and developments on this matter, are available at <u>www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay</u>. Board staff responses to comments will be posted on that website a week prior to the hearing. Contact **Robert Schlipf** at (510) 622-2478 or <u>robert.schlipf@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, if you have questions.