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

City of Petaluma Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility 3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954, Sonoma County

Board staff has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the above discharger in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

The City of Petaluma collects and treats domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater from its service area and discharges approximately 7.0 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to the Petaluma River from October 21 through April 30. During the dry season, the City recycles treated wastewater on nearby pastures, vineyards, golf courses, and other landscaped areas.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2021. Comments must be sent to the attention of Gaurav Mittal. 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 **May 12, 2021**. Interested persons are invited to express their views during 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 may be inspected at the Board office. The draft permit and developments on this matter are available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff responses to comments will be posted on that website a week prior to the hearing. Contact Gaurav Mittal at (510) 622-2407 or gaurav.mittal@waterboards.ca.gov if you have questions.