
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON

LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT ENROLLMENT UNDER GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF BIOSOLIDS TO LAND FOR USE AS A SOIL AMENDMENT IN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES, ORDER NO. 2004-0012-DWQ

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will accept written comments on the draft Notice of Applicability for Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (Discharger) enrollment under the General Waste Discharge Requirements for the Discharge of Biosolids to Land for Use as a Soil Amendment in Agricultural, Silvicultural, Horticultural, and Land Reclamation Activities, Order No. 2004-0012-DWQ (General Order).

Enrollment will conditionally authorize the land application of biosolids, generated from the Discharger's wastewater treatment plant at 300 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, in Marin County, to agricultural areas on District property. Through this project, the Discharger will shift from disposing biosolids on nine acres to beneficially using biosolids by land applying on up to 304 acres as a soil amendment for agricultural production. The Discharger plans to apply 200 dry metric tons of biosolids annually.

Due to the land application site's proximity to the San Francisco Bay and tidal marshland, shallow groundwater, and potential for surface water impacts from runoff and flooding on the land application parcels, additional conditions are listed in the draft Notice of Applicability. Conditions include additional characterization and monitoring, development of a flood protection plan, and a limited land application period, as well as participation in a research project *Unregulated Organic Chemicals in Biosolids: Prioritization, Fate and Risk Evaluation for Land Applications*, EPA Grant Number R840245.

The draft Notice of Applicability and associated draft Monitoring and Reporting Program are available for review at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/

Attachments 2 and 3 of the draft Notice of Applicability are available upon request. To request the attachments, please contact Rashid Kaveh (see below).

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS. Persons interested in the draft Notice of Applicability are encouraged to submit comments electronically. To be considered, comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2022**. Submit comments to

Rashid Kaveh, by email to Rashid.Kaveh@waterboards.ca.gov; or by mail or hand delivery to:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board, Attention: Rashid Kaveh
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Please use the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Las Gallinas Biosolids”**

Please direct questions about this notice to Rashid Kaveh (email above).

Date: May 20, 2022