

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING ON WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND TERMINATION OF ORDER NO. R2-2004-0056

AND

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WASTE MANAGEMENT RESTORATION PROJECT

FOR THE

MARTINEZ RENEWABLE FUELS FACILITY, 150 SOLANO WAY, MARTINEZ, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will accept written comments on the Tentative Order for updated Waste Discharge Requirements (Tentative Order) for the Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility (Facility). The Tentative Order would terminate Order No. R2-2004-0056; update facility name and ownership information; update closure, maintenance, and monitoring requirements for waste management units (WMUs); and require a vulnerability assessment and long-term flood protection plan to address sea level rise and groundwater rise.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY GIVEN THAT the Water Board intends to adopt an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for closure of waste management units (WMUs) and restoration of wetlands at the Facility. The Water Board, as the Lead Agency, has prepared an ISMND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines for the Waste Management Unit Restoration Project (Project) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the closure and restoration of five WMUs at the Facility site.

Project Location: The Project is located at the Facility site at 150 Solano Way, approximately three miles east of the City of Martinez on the southern shore of Suisun Bay. WMUs 10, 11, and 14 are located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and WMUs 31 and 32 are located to the north of the tracks within the Facility boundaries. The Facility site is subject to Regional Water Board Order 00-021, a cleanup and abatement order that includes requirements to establish trigger levels for known contaminants and to remediate subsurface petroleum contamination.

Project Description: The purpose of the Project is to close five existing WMUs and restore wetlands. The WMUs are inactive units that were created to treat and manage

refinery waste. All units formerly consisted of tidal marsh and were created by placing soil and fill to form berms and containment cells. The containment cells were then used as disposal units for solid and/or liquid wastes. Wastes deposited consisted of oily wastes, ranging from asphaltic semi-solids to liquids and sludges, and in the case of WMU 31, also locally generated dredged sediments. After the WMUs became inactive, precipitation caused ponding within the cells, the soil and waste subsided, and the WMUs became overgrown with vegetation.

Closure activities will include excavation and consolidation of waste material and associated soils, treatment of contaminated soils, fill placement, groundwater sampling, and construction of a final cover or cap in accordance with the requirements of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. Wetlands will be restored within WMUs 10, 11, and 31 after clean closure and WMUs 14 and 32 will be capped.

Public Review Period: October 30, 2025 - December 1, 2025

The Tentative Order and ISMND are available for review at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html.

You may also contact the staff listed below to obtain copies of the documents.

The Water Board will accept written comments on the Tentative Order and ISMND. To be considered, **comment letters must be received by 5:00 pm on December 1, 2025**. Electronic submission is preferred, but not required. Submit written comments by the deadline to Vic Pal by email to Vic.Pal@waterboards.ca.gov or mail or hand delivery to:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Vic Pal
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Please use the subject line: “**Comment Letter – Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility WDR Update**” or “**Comment Letter – Martinez Renewable Fuels Facility ISMND**.” No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY GIVEN that the Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order and ISMND as follows:

DATE: February 11, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. (approximate)
LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris Building Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 96412

Remote participation will be allowed. Information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting platform is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html
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If you wish only to watch the meeting, the webcast is available at: <https://cal-span.org/>

Additional information about the public hearing will also be available on the following Board webpage 10 days before the hearing:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html

To request oral interpretation or sign language services, please submit your request at least 10 business days before the hearing by contacting the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs at (916) 341-5254 or by submitting a Language Services Request online at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/languageaccess.html

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please direct questions about this notice to Vic Pal at (510) 622-2403 or Vic.Pal@waterboards.ca.gov or Katie Hart at (510) 622-2356 or Kathryn.Hart@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date: October 30, 2025