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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ON PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR SEDIMENT IN SONOMA CREEK AND AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE TMDL AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT GOALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept comments on the proposed approval of an amendment to the Basin Plan. The amendment establishes a TMDL for sediment in Sonoma Creek and an implementation plan to achieve the TMDL and habitat enhancement goals. The amendment, the State Water Board agenda language, and the draft resolution are available on the State Water Board's Web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/#rb2 or can be received by mail by contacting Nick Martorano at (916) 341-5980. The amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) on December 10, 2008 under Resolution No. R2-2008-0103. The State Water Board will publish a separate notice of the meeting at which it will consider approval of the amendment.

Comment letters to the State Water Board must be received by 12:00 noon on March 22, 2010. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments, unless the State Water Board determines that such comments should be accepted. Please send comments on the proposed State Water Board approval of the amendment to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) **(If less than 15 megabytes in size or less)** or (916) 341-5620 (fax), or addressed to State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Please also indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter – Sonoma Creek Sediment TMDL."**

Incorporation of Earlier Comments by Reference: Comments must specifically address the version of the amendment that is currently being considered for approval by the State Water Board. If similar or identical comments were submitted to the San Francisco Bay Water Board, the commenter must explain why and in what manner each of the responses provided by the San Francisco Bay Water Board to each comment was inadequate or incorrect. If the comment does not include such an explanation, the State Water Board will presume that the San Francisco Bay Water Board's response adequately addressed the commenter's concern.

Please direct questions about this notice to Nick Martorano, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5980 (nmartorano@waterboards.ca.gov) or Steven H. Blum, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5177 (sblum@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Date

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