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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION (BASIN PLAN) TO ESTABLISH BACTERIA OBJECTIVES FOR WATERS DESIGNATED FOR CONTACT RECREATION IN MARINE AND ESTUARINE WATERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

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 that would add new enterococcus bacteria water quality objectives for contact recreation in marine and estuarine waters that will lead to revisions of effluent limitations for bacteria in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The amendment, the State Water Board agenda language, and 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 Peter Martin, Jr. at (916) 341-5557. The amendment was adopted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) on April 15, 2010. The State Water Board will separately publish a 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 Thursday, March 3, 2011.** 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 15 megabytes in size or less), (916) 341-5620 (fax), or by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

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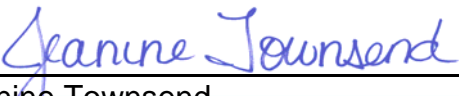
Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – San Francisco Bay Enterococcus Water Quality Objectives.**"

Incorporation of 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 Peter Martin Jr., Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5557 (pmartin@waterboards.ca.gov) or Steven H. Blum, Senior Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5177 (sblum@waterboards.ca.gov).

February 2, 2011

Date



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