

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**Novato Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Novato Sanitary District  
500 Davidson Street, Novato, Marin County**

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

The Novato Sanitary District owns and operates the Novato Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant and its sanitary sewer system. The plant provides secondary treatment of domestic and non-domestic wastewater for the City of Novato and serves a population of approximately 60,000. The draft permit would regulate an average daily discharge of 7.0 million gallons per day of treated wastewater to San Pablo Bay through a multiport diffuser located about 950 feet offshore.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permit is **5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2026**. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Debbie Phan**. 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 **February 11, 2026**. Interested persons are invited to express their views at 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 [waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html).

Comments received, Board staff responses to comments, and other developments on this matter will be posted on the Board meeting agenda a week prior to the hearing and will be available at [waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board\\_info/agenda.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html).

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