California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT

for Cedar Fair Entertainment Company California's Great America 4701 Agnew Road, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County

The above discharger has filed an application for issuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger containing limitations and provisions in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

California's Great America is a theme park located in Santa Clara. The park has retention ponds that contain mostly tertiary-treated wastewater used to provide stream flow to water features in the park and to irrigate landscape. The ponds also contain runoff from washing activities in the park. The tentative permit allows the discharge of water from these ponds to San Tomas Aquino Creek only during storm events to prevent flooding.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:9:00 a.m., July 9, 2009Location:Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building<br/>1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2009. Comments must be sent to the attention of Vincent Christian. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after that deadline.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at <u>www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay</u>. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Vincent Christian at (510) 622-2336, or by e-mail at <u>vchristian@waterboards.ca.gov</u> if you have any questions on this matter.