

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
DISCHARGE PERMIT
AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

**for
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
San Rafael, Marin County**

The Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District has filed an application for re-issuance of its permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control 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. Board staff has also prepared a tentative cease and desist order to require actions to address potential non-compliance with copper effluent limits in the tentative permit.

The District owns and operates the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Sewage Treatment Plant and its sewage collection system. The plant provides secondary level treatment for wastewater collected from the northern area of the City of San Rafael. The plant has a dry weather flow design capacity of 2.92 million gallons per day (mgd) and can treat up to 8.0 mgd with full secondary treatment. From November 1 through May 31, treated wastewater can be discharged to Miller Creek, approximately 1 mile upstream from San Pablo Bay. During June 1 through October 31, discharge to Miller Creek is prohibited. At that time, treated wastewater is used for the District's reclamation project, which includes a freshwater marsh and irrigation pasture, and it can be further treated by Marin Municipal Water District to produce tertiary recycled water.

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

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., October 14, 2009
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2009. Comments must be sent to the attention of **Tong Yin**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit, tentative cease and desist order, 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 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 Regional 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 Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, tentative cease and desist order, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, tentative cease and desist order, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Bill Johnson at (510) 622-2354 or by e-mail at WJohnson@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.