

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  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Orinda Water Treatment Plant  
Orinda, Contra Costa County**

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) discharges raw water and clarified backwash water from the Orinda Water Treatment Plant. Regional Water Board staff has prepared a tentative NPDES permit regulating the discharges from this facility to San Pablo Creek. Regional Water Board staff has also prepared a tentative cease and desist order to address compliance problems with dichlorobromomethane discharges to the creek.

EBMUD owns and operates the Orinda plant, located at 190 Camino Pablo in Orinda, Contra Costa County. The plant is one of six water treatment facilities EBMUD operates in the East Bay to treat water prior to distribution to Alameda and Contra Costa County residents. It has a design capacity of 200 million gallons per day (MGD) and receives raw water from the Pardee Reservoir, located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, via the three 90-mile-long Mokelumne Aqueducts. The raw water flows by gravity from the Pardee Reservoir to the East Bay. Once it reaches the plant, it passes through dual media filters to remove soil and other small particles. Filter backwash water from this process is stored in settling basins before discharge to San Pablo Creek and San Pablo Reservoir. EBMUD also discharges raw water in excess of plant intake to San Pablo Creek.

The Regional Water 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 September 9, 2009.** Comments must be sent to the attention of **Heather Ottaway**. 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay). A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Heather Ottaway at (510) 622-2116 or by e-mail at [HOttaway@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:HOttaway@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions on this matter.