California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR REISSUANCE OF EAST BAY COLLECTION SYSTEM PERMITS AND AMENDMENT OF CEASE & DESIST ORDER

ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared tentative permits for the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont; and Stege Sanitary District (hereinafter collectively referred to as Dischargers). The tentative permits would prohibit the discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage from the Dischargers' respective sewage collection systems. The tentative permits would also prohibit the Dischargers from causing or contributing to discharges of partially treated wastewater from East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) wet weather facilities. To ensure that a Cease & Desist Order from the Regional Water Board currently in effect on the Dischargers is consistent with this last prohibition, Regional Water Board staff has also prepared a tentative amendment to the Cease & Desist Order. The amendment would require that the City of Oakland shift its resources to projects that will reduce wet weather flows.

The Dischargers separately own and maintain sewage collection systems within their service areas. These sewage collection systems connect to EBMUD interceptors. From the interceptors, EBMUD transports the wastewater to its wastewater treatment facilities. Treated wastewater is typically discharged to central San Francisco Bay near the Bay Bridge. During wet weather, increased wastewater flows caused by inflow and infiltration from the Dischargers' collection systems also flows to EBMUD's Wet Weather Facilities where EBMUD stores the wastewater or partially treats it prior to discharge to San Francisco Bay.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permits and tentative Cease & Desist Order amendment during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

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

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permits, accompanying tentative Cease & Desist Order amendment, or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2009, so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date.

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 applications, tentative permits, fact sheets, tentative Cease & Desist Order amendment, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permits, fact sheets, tentative Cease & Desist Order amendment, 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 Robert Schlipf at (510) 622-2478, or by e-mail at rschlipf@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.

Dated: July 14, 2009