

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

STAFF: Sandi Potter

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2010

ITEM: 5C

SUBJECT: **Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification for Routine Maintenance Activities**

CHRONOLOGY: The Board has not considered this item before.

DISCUSSION: The Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would streamline the permitting process for the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) to implement specified routine maintenance activities in its parks and open space preserves in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties within this Region’s jurisdiction. Routine maintenance activities allowed under the Order would be limited to those allowed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under its Nationwide Permits. Projects would be limited in size and type and would typically include up to 30 projects each year consisting of culvert repair and replacement, channel and bank stabilization, road and bridge repair, vegetation management, and habitat restoration. Routine maintenance activities would be conducted in accordance with a Department of Fish and Game stream alteration agreement, and all construction would adhere to the District’s Best Management Practice Manual that has been reviewed and approved by staff. Routine maintenance projects would result in no net loss of wetlands and creeks.

The Order is proposed to be in effect for eight years. Each year, the District will report completed projects from the past year and propose new projects for the next year for staff review and approval. The Order includes an optional provision to keep track of any net gains in terms of habitats for possible future mitigation credits.

We only received comments from the District on the draft order and have resolved all the comments by making minor revisions and clarifications to the order. We expect this item to remain uncontested.

RECOMMEN-
DATION: Adoption of Revised Tentative Order

APPENDIX: A: Revised Tentative Order

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