

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
Novato Sanitary District, Novato, Marin County**

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

The District owns and operates the Novato Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 500 Davidson Street, Novato, Marin County, and its sewage collection system. The Novato Plant provides secondary level treatment for wastewater collected from the City of Novato and adjacent areas. The Plant has an average dry weather flow design capacity of 6.55 million gallons per day (mgd) and can treat up to 9.0 mgd peak weather flow. The District also operates the Ignacio Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 445 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato; treated wastewater from the Ignacio Plant is conveyed to the Novato Plant for further treatment. The District is upgrading the Novato Plant. The upgrade will increase the average dry weather flow design capacity to 7.05 mgd (47 mgd during peak wet weather conditions) and is expected to be completed by 2011. It will allow the Ignacio Plant to be demolished. From September 1 through May 31, treated wastewater is discharged to San Pablo Bay. During June 1 through August 31, discharge to San Pablo Bay is prohibited. At that time, treated wastewater is reclaimed.

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., May 12, 2010
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2010. 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, tentative cease and desist order, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, tentative cease and desist order, and 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 Tong Yin at (510) 622-2418 or by e-mail at TYin@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.