

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (John H. Madigan)
MEETING DATE: November 10, 2010

ITEM: **5A**

SUBJECT: **East Brother Light Station, Inc., East Brother Light Station, East Brother Island off of Point Richmond, Contra Costa County – Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for On-site Disposal and Rescission of NPDES permit.**

CHRONOLOGY: September 2004—NPDES Permit Reissued

DISCUSSION: The Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would establish Waste Discharge Requirements for the discharge of 50 to 100 gallons a day of domestic wastewater to subsurface soil on East Brother Island. The Tentative Order would also rescind the NPDES permit for East Brother Light Station because the permit would no longer be needed once discharge to the onsite subsurface system commences.

East Brother Light Station, Inc., leases East Brother Island from the United States Coast Guard at no cost. It generates funds to maintain East Brother Light Station, a registered historic landmark, by operating a bed and breakfast in the former keeper's quarters. The domestic wastewater comes from cooking, dishwashing, showering, and flushing toilets. Wastewater is, and will continue to be, treated and disinfected before discharge.

We received no comments on the draft order we circulated for public review, and expect this item to remain uncontested. The Revised Tentative Order reflects revisions we made to the draft order. The main revision would rescind East Brother Light Station's coverage under the Board's Mercury Watershed Permit, which would also no longer be needed once discharge to land commences.

RECOMMEND-
ATION: Adoption of the Revised Tentative Order

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Appendix: A. Revised Tentative Order