

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**for
Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility
3890 Cypress Drive
Petaluma, Marin County**

The City of Petaluma has filed applications for re-issuance of its permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) 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.

The City of Petaluma operates a wastewater treatment plant at 3890 Cypress Drive in Petaluma. The City discharges about 6 million gallons per day of treated domestic and commercial wastewater into the Petaluma River during the wet season (October-April) when the wastewater cannot be recycled and reused for irrigation. The treatment system includes approximately 224 miles of sewer collection lines and serves a population of about 61,500.

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

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| Time and Date: | 9:00 a.m., January 12, 2011 |
| Location: | Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland |

The deadline for written comments is 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2010. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Vincent Christian.** Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to one or both tentative permits, 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 the deadline. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline indicated above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges a 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, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permits, fact sheets, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Responses to comments will be posted on this website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Vincent Christian at (510) 622-2336, or by e-mail at vchristian@waterboards.ca.gov, with any questions on this matter.