

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

**for
City of St. Helena, Napa County**

The City of St. Helena 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.

The City owns and operates the Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Plant, which provides secondary level treatment for domestic and commercial wastewater. The Plant has an average dry weather treatment capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and can treat up to 2.8 mgd during wet weather. Treatment processes at the Plant include a headworks, a comminuter, an advanced integrated wastewater pond system (comprised of five ponds) and disinfection. According to the tentative permit, from December 1 through April 30, treated wastewater may be discharged to the non-tidal portion of the Napa River, provided that the discharge receives a minimum of 50 to 1 river to wastewater flow ratio. During the remainder of the year, discharge to the Napa River is prohibited; wastewater is either stored in the ponds or discharged to land at the City's 88-acre reclamation/disposal facility adjacent to the ponds.

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

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., September 8, 2010
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2010. Comments must be sent to the attention of Tong Yin. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit 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, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit 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.