

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF
ALTERNATE
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT
FOR
MT. VIEW SANITARY DISTRICT
IN
MARTINEZ, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Water Board) prosecution team is providing notice for public comment until January 21, 2011, of an alternate supplemental environmental project (SEP) by Mt. View Sanitary District (District). The original SEP was approved by the Water Board's Executive Officer by Order No. R2-2009-0066. The amount of the original SEP was \$125,000. The District is requesting replacement of the Peyton Slough Levee Sealing Project (original SEP) with the Peyton Slough Hydraulic Relief Project SEP (alternate SEP). The alternate SEP will remove a significant hydraulic constraint caused by the railroad crossing in Peyton Slough. Removal of this hydraulic bottleneck is critical to achieving adequate water transfer between McNabney Marsh and Suisan Bay/Carquinez Strait to fully restore the marsh to estuarine condition. The District will be responsible for securing the additional funds needed to complete the alternate SEP, which has been estimated at \$1.5 million. This amount is significantly higher than the \$125,000 original SEP. Therefore, the alternate SEP includes fundraising milestones in the project work plan. To this end, the District has committed the SEP amount (\$125,000) to an account so that it accrues interest. If adequate funding is not available by November 15, 2013, the entire SEP amount (\$125,000), plus interest from May 1, 2010, will be deposited into the State's Cleanup and Abatement Account.

The Water Board's Executive Officer will consider the comments received by the deadline stated below and depending on their significance may approve the Alternate SEP, disapprove it or schedule a hearing for the Water Board to consider this matter.

The deadline for comment is 5 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011. Comments should be sent to the attention of Gina Kathuria and Sandia Potter. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the Alternate SEP must do so no later than this deadline. The proposed Alternate SEP and related documents are on file, and may be inspected or copied at the Water Board's offices during weekdays between 8:45 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed alternate SEP and Order No. R2-2009-0066 are also available on the Water Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Questions concerning this matter may be addressed to prosecutorial staff Gina Kathuria at 510-622-2378 or gkathuria@waterboards.ca.gov. Please also refer to the website given above for future developments and updates.

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