

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
DISCHARGE PERMIT
for
Napa Salt Pond Restoration Project, Ponds 7, 7A, and 8
In Napa County**

The California Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have filed an application for issuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has prepared a tentative permit containing limitations and provisions in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

If approved, the permit would allow the Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore several ponds as part of the Napa River Salt Marsh Restoration Project. This Project will improve habitat for fish and wildlife, including endangered species, migratory waterfowl, and shorebirds. The restoration will require removing bittern from Pond 7, a former salt evaporator pond. The bittern will be diluted with ambient water from Napa Slough and Mud Slough. The diluted bittern will be discharged to Napa Slough. The proposed discharge will be about 13,700 acre-feet per year, beginning around October 2012 and lasting 8 to 10 years.

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., June 8, 2011
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comment is 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2011. Comments must be sent to the attention of Dr. 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.