

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

**City of Pinole
Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant
11 Tennent Avenue Pinole, Contra Costa County**

The above discharger has filed an application for permit reissuance under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's 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.

The discharger owns and operates a sanitary sewage treatment plant serving the cities of Pinole and Hercules. The plant provides secondary treatment of domestic and commercial wastewater for approximately 3.3 million gallons a day. Treated effluent is discharged into San Pablo Bay through a submerged deep water diffuser about 3,775 feet offshore near Rodeo at a depth of about 16 feet.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2012.

Comments must be sent to the **attention of Dylan Garner**. 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.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at **9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2012**, in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the 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 Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact **Dylan Garner** at **(510) 622-2116**, or by e-mail at DGarner@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

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