

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Vincent Christian)  
MEETING DATE: November 14, 2012

ITEM: **5B**

SUBJECT: **Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District, Wastewater Treatment Plant and its Wastewater Collection System, Sausalito, Marin County** – Reissuance of NPDES Permit

CHRONOLOGY: August 2007 – NPDES Permit Reissued

DISCUSSION: The Revised Tentative Order (Appendix A) would reissue the NPDES permit for the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District, which owns and operates a 6 million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant serving Sausalito and nearby areas. The District and the San Francisco Baykeeper submitted comments (Appendix B) on a tentative order distributed for public review. We prepared responses (Appendix C) to the comments and revised the tentative order as appropriate.

The most challenging issues raised relate to wet weather blending. Blending occurs when a portion of primary-treated effluent is routed around secondary treatment units during peak wet weather flows and is “blended” with secondary-treated effluent prior to disinfection and discharge. Blended discharges must meet all discharge limits. Historically, the District routes about 0.1 percent of its primary-treated effluent around secondary treatment. The Baykeeper would like more stringent requirements to reduce blending and more stringent monitoring during blending. The District would like more flexibility when implementing feasible alternatives to reduce blending. We believe the Revised Tentative Order strikes the right balance in its approach.

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Appendices: A. Revised Tentative Order  
B. Comments  
C. Response to Comments