

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

**Montezuma Wetlands LLC
Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Project
Solano County**

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's staff has prepared a Tentative Order to update and reissue the Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Quality Certification, and to rescind Order No. 00-061, for the Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Project.

The discharger is restoring 1,877 acres of tidal and seasonal wetlands along Montezuma Slough at the eastern edge of the Suisun Marsh. Approximately 17.5 million cubic yards of sediment from navigation dredging projects is being imported and used as engineered fill to raise diked, subsided baylands at the site to elevations appropriate for restoration of tidal and seasonal wetlands. The Tentative Order continues to regulate the placement of sediment and the discharge of return-flow or "decant" water to waters of the State, as well as updating the Order and Self-Monitoring Program to reflect minor improvements to project design and operations.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative order is 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2012.

Comments must be sent to the **attention of Elizabeth Christian**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative rescission order 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 rescission order during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **October 10, 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 rescission order may be inspected and copied at the Board office. The tentative order and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.shtml. Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Elizabeth Christian at (510) 622-2335, or by e-mail at echristian@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.