

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
AND
RESCISSION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

**West County Agency,
West County Wastewater District,
City of Richmond, and Richmond Municipal Sewer District No. 1
Treatment Plants at 2910 Hilltop Drive and 2377 Garden Tract Road,
Richmond, Contra Costa County**

The above dischargers have filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit for these dischargers in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Also, the tentative permit would rescind an existing cease and desist order because the dischargers would be able to comply with new limits proposed in the tentative permit.

The dischargers own and operate two wastewater treatment plants that treat a total of about 17 million gallons per day of domestic and industrial wastewater from Richmond and surrounding areas. The treated effluent from the two plants is combined and discharged through a deepwater outfall into central San Francisco Bay about 8200 feet offshore south of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2013. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Vincent Christian**. 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 **May 8, 2013**, 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 **Vincent Christian** at (510) 622-2336, or by e-mail at vchristian@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions.