

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

**Port of Oakland  
Berth 10 Multi-User Dredged Material Rehandling Facility  
Alameda 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. 98-019, for the Berth 10 Multi-User Dredged Material Rehandling Facility (Berth 10 Facility).

The Berth 10 Facility is located at the east end of the Oakland Outer Harbor portion of the San Francisco Estuary. It began operating in 1995 to rehandle (i.e., dewater and otherwise prepare) dredged material from berth deepening at the Port of Oakland, and later deepening of the Oakland Harbor federal navigation channel, prior to transportation to and disposal at a permitted landfill or, if determined suitable, beneficial reuse at an upland site. The Tentative Order regulates the Facility as a multi-user dredged material rehandling facility, meaning that dredgers other than the Port may make arrangements with the Port to rehandle dredged material for eventual upland disposal or beneficial reuse. It also includes updated findings, specifications, and provisions to reflect minor improvements to project design and operations.

Operation of the Berth 10 Facility is the continued operation of an existing facility without significant expansion of use and is thus exempt from CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301).

**The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative order is 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2013.**

Comments must be sent to the **attention of Elizabeth Christian**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the Tentative 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 Order during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **April 10, 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 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](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](mailto:echristian@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions.