

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**

**Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District,  
Treatment Plant at 22675 8<sup>th</sup> Street East,  
Sonoma, Sonoma County**

The above discharger has 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 this discharger 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 discharger would be able to comply with new limits proposed in the tentative permit.

The discharger owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant that treats about 3 million gallons per day of domestic wastewater from Sonoma and surrounding areas. The treated wastewater is used to irrigate grape vines or is discharged to Schell Sough during the winter when agricultural demand is low. Treated wastewater is also used to maintain freshwater wetland habitat in the summer and to dilute bittern from a former salt production pond.

**The deadline for receipt of comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2014.** 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 **March 12, 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](http://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](mailto:vchristian@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions.