

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
WASTEWATER PERMITS
EAST BAY WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S WET WEATHER FACILITIES**

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has prepared draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont, and the Stege Sanitary District (i.e., Satellites), and for the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD's) three Wet Weather Facilities, in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The draft permits would continue to prohibit discharge and continue to prohibit the Satellites from causing or contributing to discharges from EBMUD's Wet Weather Facilities.

The addresses for the Satellites and Wet Weather Facilities are as follows:

- City of Alameda, 950 West Mall Square, Room 110, Alameda
- City of Albany, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany
- City of Berkeley, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley
- City of Emeryville, 1333 Park Avenue, Emeryville
- City of Oakland, 250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland
- City of Piedmont, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont
- Stege Sanitary District, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito
- EBMUD Point Isabel Wet Weather Facility, 2755 Isabel Street, Richmond
- EBMUD San Antonio Creek Wet Weather Facility, 225 5th Avenue, Oakland
- EBMUD Oakport Wet Weather Facility, 5597 Oakport Street, Oakland

The Satellites own and maintain separate sewage collection systems within their individual service areas. All collection systems drain into EBMUD interceptors that transport the wastewater to EBMUD's main wastewater treatment plant. Treated wastewater is discharged under a separate permit. During wet weather, Satellite flows overwhelm the treatment plant. EBMUD uses the Wet Weather Facilities to store or partially treat the excess wastewater. These draft permits would continue to prohibit discharges from these Wet Weather Facilities.

The Water Board, U.S. EPA, and San Francisco Baykeeper lodged a Consent Decree with the U.S. District Court against EBMUD and the Satellites on August 4, 2014. The Consent Decree requires EBMUD and the Satellites to improve the condition of their collection systems to reduce wet weather flows.

The deadline for receipt of comment on the draft permits is 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2019. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Samuel Plummer**. Persons wishing to file written

comments on any aspect of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so such comments may be considered.

The Board will consider adopting the draft permits during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **January 15, 2020**, in the auditorium at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at this hearing.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 23 section 2050(c), any party that challenges the Board's action through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues that were raised before the Board at the hearing or in timely submitted correspondence.

All documents related to the draft permits may be inspected at the Board office. The draft permits and any developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. Board staff responses to comments will be posted on that website a week prior to the hearing. Contact **Samuel Plummer** at **(510) 622-2485** or by e-mail at **Sam.Plummer@waterboards.ca.gov** if you have questions.